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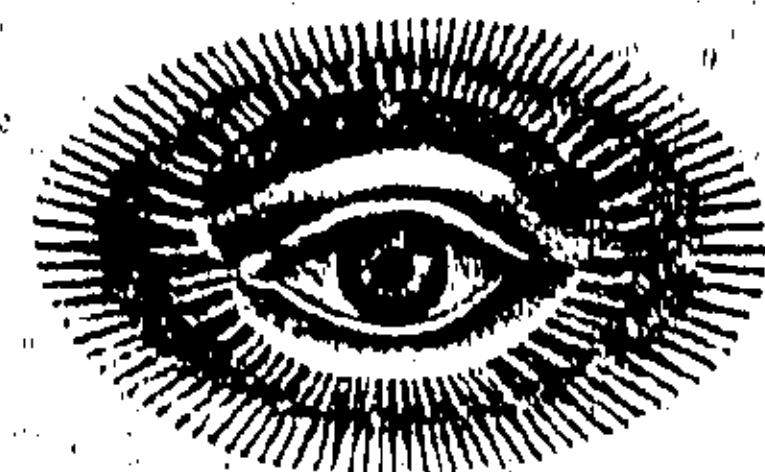
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MOTOR BANDITS.

An Armed Gang in the Colony.

YAUMATI COUP YESTERDAY.

Red Car Used in a \$500 Robbery.

For the second time in the history of the Colony, motor bandits were at work yesterday. This gang met with success in that they got clear away, whereas a few years ago, another band of armed desperadoes was wounded up after a series of running fights in the streets and on the hillside.

About 4.30 p.m. yesterday four or five men went in a motor-car to the 2nd floor of No. 236, Temple Street, a busy centre of Yaumati.

Once they had laid their hands on a cash box and \$500, they dashed down the stairs and cleared off in their waiting car.

Flustered Retreat.

Neighbours of the victims noticed the motor car without paying any particular attention to it. One or two people, however, state that they were struck by the flustered appearance of the men who came out of the house to jump into the car and drive away. These witnesses can only give a very hazy description of the car but they are emphatic that it was painted red.

As to the identity of the gang, the Chinese lady who was robbed said that the leader had previously called on her on several occasions and sold her firewood. She is able to identify him if apprehended.

How Admittance Was Gained.

No firearm was produced, but each of the gang seems to have been armed with dangerous daggers with which they threatened the lady.

Admittance to the flat was gained by one of the robbers asking if any of the inmates wanted to buy firewood.

The lady complainant was taking an afternoon nap in her cubicle when the gang revealed their intentions. Two men stood guard over the frightened occupants while the others ransacked the rooms.

A cash box was found with money and jewellery inside, to the total value of \$518. Details of the loot have already been supplied to the detectives on the case.

The First Band.

The first band of motor bandits in Hong Kong aimed at a much higher prize. They looted a native bank at the junction of Des Voeux Road West and Queen's Street, just beyond Nam Pak Hong.

Somebody blew a police whistle. As the gang drove off in a waiting car they were challenged by an Indian policeman who was immediately fired at. At least one man in an adjoining shop was killed in this way.

Within an hour or two, the late Det. Inspector Hau Hang had traced the robbers to a Kennedy Town tenement. A melee ensued and a detective was killed. On the adjoining hillside, several European officers fought running duels with the desperadoes who were ultimately cornered when their ammunition had been expended.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

ALTERATIONS IN ENQUIRY COMMISSION.

AN EXTRA MEMBER.

The proclamation published in last week's "Government Gazette," regarding the Commission of enquiry into the "Sunning" piracy, has been revoked.

A fresh proclamation is published with the following alterations:—

The addition to the Commission of a mercantile marine officer, with a master's certificate, having a knowledge of the China Coast, namely—Captain Allan Hugh Stewart.

The addition of a further term of reference giving a general power to make recommendations as to the measures for preventing piracy.

For being in possession of a dagger, a Chinese was fined \$250 by Major C. Willson, Police Magistrate, this morning.

"A WISE MOVE."

Mr. Lampson's Visit To Hankow.

HOME PRESS VIEWS.

New Minister's Speech at Shanghai.

Rugby, Dec. 3.
Mr. Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, is proceeding from Shanghai via Nanjing, to Hankow, where he will probably arrive on Tuesday.

The British Government has given Mr. Lampson wide latitude to deal with the situation, and his decision to visit Hankow is regarded by the Press as a wise move.

He will proceed later to Peking, where, however, no government exists at present to which his credentials could be presented.

In his first public statement since reaching China, Mr. Lampson, addressing the British, American and Chinese members of the Shanghai Union Club, declared that he had come with an open mind and simply wanted fair play all round.

The only thing the British required was to be allowed to live and trade peacefully in China—British Wireless Service.

New Minister's Speech.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.
Mr. Miles Lampson made his first public speech since his arrival in China here today when he was the guest at luncheon of the Union Club, the membership of which is composed of British, American and Chinese.

In the course of his speech Mr. Lampson said that he had come here with an open mind. He simply wanted to see fair play all round. The talk of British imperialism in China was all moonshine. The only things the British wanted was to be allowed to live and trade peacefully here.

Mr. J. B. Powell, welcoming Mr. Lampson, on behalf of the Americans, said that he was especially glad to know that the Minister had seen something of Shanghai and was going to Hankow and Nanking before settling down in Peking, for Peking had ruined the reputation of many diplomats (laughter and hear hear).—Reuter.

France's Policy.

Paris, Nov. 2.
Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, expressing Britain's repugnance at intervention in the domestic affairs of China, agrees with French policy, says "Le Temps," as defined by M. Briand in the Chamber of Deputies.

The paper calls attention to the tendency of Britain to adopt a more conciliatory attitude toward Canton, which is of capital importance, not only in regard to the relation of the Powers with China but because it will enable Chinese nationalism in its own interest to free itself from the revolutionary influence of Moscow.—Reuter.

America's Attitude.

Washington, Dec. 3.
The State Department reiterates that American naval men in Chinese waters are available for protection of American lives and property only, and will not be used to maintain the present Customs at Hankow or elsewhere, the collection of which is regarded as the function of the Chinese Government.

While the situation at Hankow is being closely watched, it is hoped with the arrival of the Canton Government at Wuchang the activities of the unions at Hankow will be curbed. If necessary, however, American residents will be evacuated.—Reuter's American Service.

M. Y. Shigaya, a Japanese broker, appearing on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, said that he had failed to find a Chinese friend who was to have been a witness in his defence; for pushing a Tramway Co. conductor, defendant was ordered to sign a bond of \$50 for six months and he was fined \$10 for refusing to pay his fare on Thursday.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/10 15/16

FOOCHOW'S FATE.

Merchants Uneasy as to Outcome.

HOPE FOR CANTON VICTORY.

Will Northern Debacle Result in Looting?

Mail reports to hand from Amoy and Foochow indicate that considerable uneasiness is felt by merchants over the trend of military events there, following the invasion of the province of Fukien by the Cantonese expedition from the Kwangtung border.

With Fukien traders, the winter solstice (Dec. 22) settlement may not be as important as it is with Cantonese. But it is felt that should there be a split among the pro-Northern troops, serious disorders may break out.

Not exactly because they prefer the lesser evil, but because they feel that the Nationalist regime will be able to preserve order, the majority of the middle classes are even hoping for the Southern campaign to succeed.

Defender Changes Policy.

There is additional alarm over the obscurity surrounding the attitude of General Chang Yi, who commanded the Northern vanguard against Canton.

From attempting to hold his ground, his policy has now veered round (it is alleged) to pourparlers with the Nationalists, and he is retreating northwards without fighting.

Admiral Sha Chen-ping is looked upon now as the defender of Foochow, the capital of the province.

He is stated to have united the civil, military and naval elements, but General Chang Yi is regarded as opposed to him, since a request of payment for his 8,000 troops has been refused.

Doubts About the Navy.

As the Chinese cruisers, including (and smaller warships) have remained inactive for so long, the people think that no resistance will be offered by this arm of the Northern forces.

The Cantonese, about 25,000 strong, are said to have already advanced to a point north of Amoy, but there is a possibility of their waiting for a surrender before deciding on an onslaught against Foochow.

What the civil population fears most is the probability of looting by the Northern rabble should there be a debacle.

Promised reinforcements by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang (southwards, from across the Chekiang frontier) have not materialised.

ARSON ATTEMPTS.

Disorder Follows Defenders' Surrender.

A cable report to the "Wah Taz Yat Po" states that the Nationalist flag has already been hoisted in Foochow.

On Thursday night attempts were made at the four city gates to set fire to property and thus create disorder, but the attempts were frustrated.

It was at first expected that the Cantonese would enter on Thursday but their main strength has not yet moved up.

Admiral Sha and General Li, the two defenders at Foochow, are reported to have gone over to the Southern cause. They were immediately "elected" by the people as rulers pro tem.

The units remaining loyal to Sun Chuan-fang are trekking northwards to Chekiang.

SIANFU SIEGE.

PLIGHT OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS.

Shensi, Nov. 16.
The siege of Sianfu in Shensi which began on April 16 is continuing so that it has now lasted exactly six months.

After heavy fighting early in November, Liu Chen-hua's troops retreated but recovered and renewed fighting.

The two brigadiers who ordered the retreat were shot by Liu Chen-hua's orders.

Conditions within Sianfu are unspeakable, and it is believed that the foreigners' supplies are exhausted.

The Catholics killed, and ate a horse ten days ago.

The casualties being very heavy, both sides are now awaiting reinforcements.—Reuter.

PEACE PREFERRED.

Fengtien Avoiding the Cantonese?

NORTHERN ATTITUDE CHANGES.

Invitation to Bear Brunt of Campaign.

By "Li Chung-yin."

Several changes in the attitude of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, in relation to Canton's military campaign, have occurred this week.

Opinion among well-informed Chinese is growing that the Fengtien leaders intend avoiding the Southerners, as long as possible.

The "invitation" extended by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to the Manchurian Army to bear the brunt of a campaign against General Chang Kai-shek seems to have not borne fruit.

Returning the Spoils.

True, the Fengtien warlords have poured troops southwards, but only to occupy territory which Sun Chuan-fang previously held.

This territory, it should be noted, was controlled by Chang Tso-lin about two years ago, till Sun Chuan-fang snatched it by a coup.

Defeated in battle by the Cantonese, Sun Chuan-fang offered to return the spoils.

Occupation by the Fengtien forces of the provinces of Anhui and Kiangsu would have meant bringing them face to face with the Nationalist outposts.

Fanfare of Trumpets.

Although an offensive was announced, with a fanfare of trumpets, Marshal Chang Tso-lin's subordinates only took over what they most coveted, and have so far avoided the south of Anhui, where they would be opposite the Southerners' camp-fires.

War was much desired. And the Fengtien leaders sent down a big army to Nanking, the capital of that province.

General Chang Tsung-chang's main strength is concentrated at Pukow, the important railway station on the other side of the river, facing Nanking.

Divided Counsels.

Chang Tsung-chang is one of Chang Tso-lin's chief lieutenants. He is Tapan of Shantung, which he has left to the care of others while he moved southwards.

Anticipations have not been realised that Chang Tsung-chang would immediately throw down the gauntlet to Chang Kai-shek.

Divided counsels exist in the Fengtien camp. Some favour attacking the Cantonese at once; others advocate peace "as long as possible"; yet another section wishes Sun Chuan-fang to enter the war zone again, with the Fengtien forces behind him and, preferably, with Wu Pei-fu also joining the fray once more.

Big Title Conferred.

The only significant movement so far is Marshal Chang Tso-lin's assumption of the post of Generalissimo of the National Preservation Armies (at first designated the "Anti-Red" Armies). This title was conferred by the military council sitting at Tientsin.

Meanwhile the Southerners are moving very slowly, if at all, eastwards or northwards, or coming down the Yangtze towards Shanghai.

Surprises sprung by Chang Kai-shek have now become matters of routine but it is difficult to see him catching Chang Tso-lin napping, although the Mukden warlord still prefers indirect means to a direct challenge against a potential and most dangerous adversary.

CHINA WAR FILM.

SCHOOLGIRLS GO INTO ACTION!

CANTONESE CAMPAIGN.

How Chinese schoolgirls took an active part on Canton's side in the recent Yangtze campaign will be shown in a film to be presented shortly in Hong Kong.

An enterprising firm of agents have arranged with the Shanghai producing company for an exhibition here, in one of the Chinese theatres.

This film will give an idea of how modern war is conducted in China, with special scenes of each branch of the Cantonese forces.

Photographers are said to have accompanied the opposing troops into action to get this picture.

EUROPE'S PEACE.

Sir Austen Chamberlain In Paris.

MEETING WITH M. BRIAND.

The Agenda at Geneva Council Discussed.

Rugby, Dec. 3.

Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain lunched to-day with M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister at the Quai d'Orsay. Other guests included M. Poincare (Premier), M. Herriot (former Premier) and Lord Crewe, British Ambassador.

Receiving Press representatives later at the British Embassy, Sir Austen Chamberlain said: "I had the pleasure of a short conversation with M. Poincare this afternoon, and subsequently had a long conference with M. Briand. This bore chiefly on those questions which are on the agenda at Geneva. We also discussed several questions of general interest, which it is necessary to review between the Foreign Ministers of two nations united in carrying out a policy of peace."

During the two years that I have been in touch with M. Briand we have found ourselves in agreement regarding subjects at issue, and particularly those concerning the forthcoming session of the League of Nations Council. I do not recollect exactly what I told you on my previous visit, but I believe I said we had carried out something great in the way of progress towards a policy of peace, and I asked you not to expect too great or too immediate results from the Locarno agreement. I can but repeat this advice. Since then our work has been progressing slowly but surely, and even other countries have not failed to appreciate and to be affected by the results obtained. This progress is continuing but we still have difficulties to face. Provided we find means of solving these, little by little, we can go farther, and this is the only way whereby we shall ultimately arrive at a satisfactory state of affairs in Europe."

To-morrow evening Sir Austen Chamberlain proceeds to Geneva, travelling by same train as M. Briand.—British Wireless Service.

TRADE AMITY.

GERMANS AND BRITISH MEET.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 3.

Five leading German industrial leaders representing the German Federation of Industries, headed by Dr. Duisberg, President of the Federation, arrived in London this morning and began a conference with representatives of the Federation of British Industries, Sir Max Muspratt, Sir Vincent Caillard, Sir Eric Geddes, Colonel Vernon Willey, and Mr. Clive Cookson with regard to Anglo-German commercial relationships and the prospects of removing barriers to Anglo-German industry.—Reuter.

The Desire To Help.

London, Dec. 3.
An atmosphere of the utmost cordiality and mutual helpfulness prevailed at the meeting of the British and German industrial leaders who spent the whole day exploring methods of mutual co-operation, also various questions affecting the economic position of Europe, especially in connection with the forthcoming economic conference of the League. The industrial leaders will meet again to-morrow.—Reuter.

Tariff Walls.

Rugby, Dec. 3.
Five representatives of the Federation of German Industries are meeting representatives of the Federation of British Industries in London to-day.

It is stated that neither the British nor German delegates have power to commit any firm or industry. Their aim is to explore credit, insurance, double taxation and taxation of reserves, patent rights multiplicity of tariff walls in Europe, and kindred matters.—British Wireless Service.

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DATE		HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
Dec		Standard Times	Hr.	Standard Times	Hr.
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		7 5.5	7.1	1 4.1	2.9
Sat.	4	m 8.0	0.2	m 5.51	3.0
		9 18.6	8.9	2 5.4	3.2
Sun.	5	m 9.1	0.3	m 9.4	1.7
		10 10.0	8.9	2 43.4	1.2
Mon.	6	m 18.2	4.9	4 14.1	3.3
		37.8	8.3	3 13.3	3.3
Tues	7	m 11.9	4.7	4 58.0	3.0
		40.8	5.4	3 46.5	3.0
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山	22	24	—	—
山	5	4	—	—
香	14	12	—	—
桃	each	12	10	10
椰	lb.	12	7	0

蜜山	each	7	8	0
荔枝干	lb.	30	25	30
枝甜橙	"	10	"	—
橙	"	15	"	15
沙茶	"	16	—	—
花生油	"	14	10	12
花紅大	"	—	12	—
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櫛子	櫛子	”	45	—	—

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... 牙		菜	lb.	5	—	7
... 豆		角	"	15	8	—
... 紅		兩	each	3	8	8
... 舌		兩	lb.	6	—	—

情紅芥	瓜菜	each	8	5	0
大中華	花菜	each	8	5	8
細菜	花菜	lb.	16	12	—
	花菜	each	8	—	—
	花菜	each	30	—	—
	花菜	lb.	25	6	6

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金	5	3	—
全	5	3	10
紅	5	4	4
瓜	5	5	—

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ECHO OF COLLISION.

Following a recent collision between two Chinese river steamers (Canton-Wuchow run) on the West River, near Samshui, news has reached Hong Kong that the "Lung Kwong," which sank in the stream, has been raised.

The report says that this boat (formerly a regular caller here) may be sent down to Hong Kong for repairs and overhaul.

The s.s. "Ting Sing" which was damaged in the bows and run aground in shallow water near the river bank has not been salvaged.

In Chinese shipping circles it is stated her owners prefer to wait till high water the next rainy season for the boat to be refloated without extensive operations.

FRENCH NAVY.

A GREAT SUBMARINE CRUISER.

The French navy has just completed at St. Nazaire the largest flying-boat in the world and is pushing to completion what will be the largest submarine in the world. It was disclosed by Hector Bywater, the well-known naval writer, summing up the first complete analysis of the new French navy published in the semi-official "Monteur de la Flotte."

Public opinion in Great Britain is somewhat taken aback at the news of the naval activity across the channel.

The new colossal flying-boat, which is to be attached to the French naval aerodrome, is 98½ feet long, has a wing-spread of 131 feet and weighs over 17 tons. It boasts a speed of 125 miles an hour and a flight endurance of 3,000 miles and, when necessary to get out of range, can soar to a height of 10,000 feet. Its construction is adapted for two things—the carriage of a large supply of bombs and absolute seaworthiness in all weathers.

As for the submarine, the French, in appreciation of its tremendous dimensions, do not call it a submarine, at all; their technical name for it means a "diving cruiser." Its tonnage will be between 3,000 and 3,500 tons. No other details are disclosed.

In addition to this great "diving cruiser," the French are rapidly constructing 14 "ocean-going submarines" of 1,500 tons with a wide radius of action; six "ocean boats," another type of submarine, of 1,100 tons; 19 coastal submarines of 600 tons and 2 submarine mine-layers.

In all, France has completed within the past four and a half years, new vessels to the number of 93.

"With the possible exception of Japan," said Bywater, "no other country has built anything like this volume of naval tonnage during the period in question."

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Two aircraft carriers.

Twelve scouts, of 2,400 to 3,100 tons; speed 35½ knots; armed with five 5.1-inch guns and six torpedo tubes. Six of these are completed.

Twenty-six destroyers, according to Bywater, "the largest and most powerful destroyers afloat." Their tonnage is 1,500, their speed 33 knots. They carry four 5.1-inch guns and six torpedo tubes. Twelve are completed.

Two fleet oil-tankers.

In addition, under the French Navy Law, the following new vessels are to be laid down between 1927 and 1929:—

Two cruisers of 10,000 tons. Nine scouts of 2,000 tons. Ten destroyers of 1,500 tons. One submarine cruiser.

Sixteen-ocean submarines. Four submarine mine-layers. Twelve coastal submarines.

This brings the total of new ships up to 11, with a tonnage of 325,000, and all of it, according to the Navy Law, must be ready for service before the end of 1931.

The motor vessel "Asiatic Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai yesterday morning, and is expected to arrive at Hong Kong on Dec. 6 at daylight.

NEW VESSELS.

9,000-TON SHIPS FOR AUSTRALIAN RUN.

It is reported from Gothenburg that a preliminary agreement has been reached between the Aktiebolag Kredikassan of 1922, which last year took over preference charges of the nominal value of 9,000,000 kr. in the Rederiaktiebolag Trans-Atlantisk, and a syndicate having as its chief interests the Tirfinn Steamship Co. and Mr. Gunnar Carlsson, under which the syndicate will take over the block of shares in question.

In connection with this matter the same interests intend to form a new company for the construction of two large high speed ships suitable for the Trans-Atlantic Company's Australian trade, which will be placed in the joint traffic with the company's other tonnage under the same management.

In welcoming the return to private interests of the control of the country's largest shipping company, "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfartstidning" states that the new interests represent a combination of the management hitherto and of specially strong financial interests, through which a sound development of the company's extensive activity can be considered to be assured.

The new ships are to be of about 9,000 tons and about of the type of the "Bullaren," with a speed of 15 knots. The vessels will be provided with refrigerating accommodation for the transport of fruit and other perishable goods, while passenger arrangements will be for ten to twelve persons.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Japanese Harbour authorities at Dairen, in a Notice to Mariners, dated November 12, 1926, have issued the following information:—Notice is hereby given that the Koseki-sho Buoy (black conical), marking Koseki-sho, close south-eastward of the rock awash about ½ mile eastward of Segment Rock, off the southern point of Dachen-shan-lao, Elliot Group, was withdrawn, on the 8th instant and the Koseki-sho Beacon has been established there as follows:—The beacon is 20 feet high above sea-level and painted black, surmounted by a black spherical daymark. Furthermore, another black wooden beacon has been established on the branch shoal, N. 12 degrees W. from Koseki-sho Beacon, distance 4 cables, 16 feet high above sea-level.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Nov. 27 is:—Plague: 3 cases at Rangoon, 1 at Colombo, 1 at Singapore, 32 at Haiphong, 1 at Tourane. Smallpox: 1 case at Madras, 1 at Vizagapatam, 1 at Singapore, 1 at Bangkok, 1 at Fusan.

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STRONG CRITICISM.

CONDUCT OF BRITISH ADMIRALTY ADVISERS.

There are certain defences which cannot be set up without involving the party who does so in the risk of considerable discredit even if his plea is successful, says "Harbour" (Sydney). One of these is the Statute of Limitations. If a plaintiff has stood by for so long that the witnesses who might have been called are scattered or the documents lost, then he deserves to have the Statute pleaded against him. If, on the other hand, he has been delayed by the act of the defendant or by unexpected events, then to plead the Statute amounts to a form of dishonesty. Some fairly strong epithet appears to be needed to characterise the conduct of the Admiralty or Board of Trade Advisers in an action arising out of the "loss" of the "Clan MacLachlan." It is clear now that the operation on which she was engaged was a warlike operation, but this was not established until the two cases of the "Geelong" and the "Warilda" had been fought through any number of courts. Owing to this uncertainty the arbitration which was held under the terms of the "Clan MacLachlan" charter-party was delayed, and when her owners brought an action, being dissatisfied with the Arbitrator's award, the Statute of Limitations was pleaded against them.

A Decision Needed.

The Statute cannot be relied on by a subject against the Crown, and it was argued that the Crown could not rely on it against a subject. This point was decided in favour of the Crown in the Court of first instance, and was argued, but not decided in the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal, however, decided in favour of the shipowner on a ground which, though it is not one of principle, will govern a good many other cases. Under this form of charter it is necessary to go to arbitration before an action can be brought. The same clause contemplates an action at law after the arbitration has terminated, and it following in the judgment of the Court of Appeal that the Statute did not begin to run until after the award had been made. The decision is more satisfactory as the result of this litigation than as a statement of principle. It is clear that the Statute does not apply to arbitrations and that when an arbitration is a condition precedent to an action time will not run until the action is finished. But it would be interesting to have a decision on the point whether the Crown can rely on the Statute and to hear the opinion of the Lord Justices on the conduct of the Crown Advisers in attempting to do so. It is to be remembered that in the "Clan MacLachlan" case the Crown did not contest any of the findings of the Arbitrator. — Clan MacLachlan, July 26, 1926.

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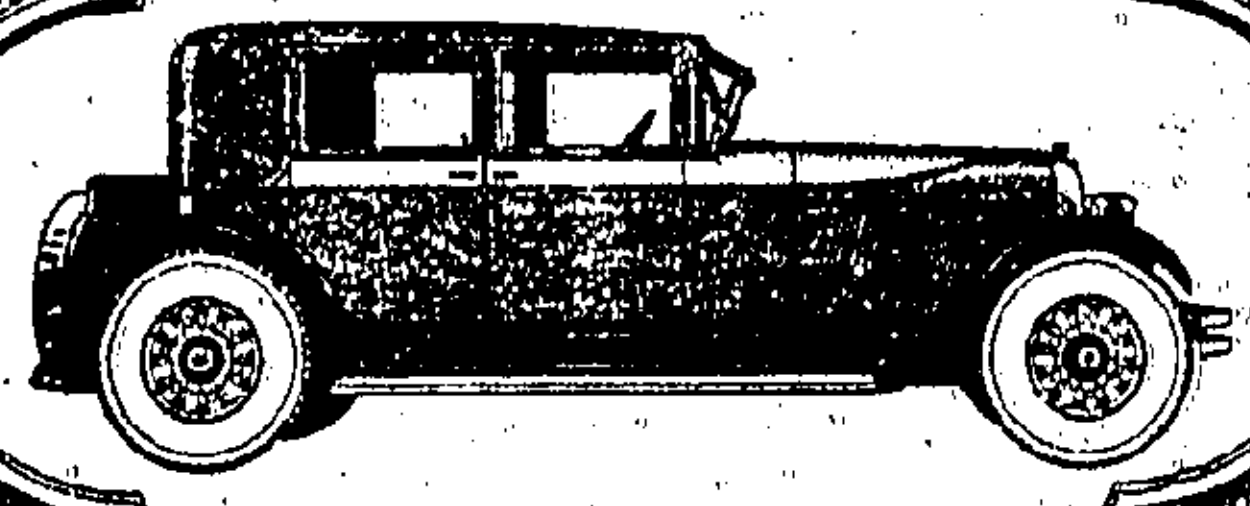
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THREE-MILE LIMIT.

A QUESTION OF MARITIME JURISDICTION.

It is a well-known rule that the jurisdiction of every country extends to a distance of three miles from its coast. There are some exceptions, for some of the Baltic countries claim a longer range, and by agreement the United States exercises jurisdiction over liquor traffic to a limit of 12 miles. But the exceptions are of minor importance, and the rule is supposed to be founded on the range of artillery in early times.

There is not, however, the same agreement as to the right of control over ships within gulfs or bays. Does the three-mile limit apply there, or can a country exercise jurisdiction over ships at any distance from the shore within a gulf or bay both extremities of which are within its own territory? The old text-book writers differ on the point. Some say that the test is whether a man can see from shore to shore, some that it must be possible to fire a cannon shot to the middle point, others apply an arbitrary limit of ten miles.

The question was raised some years ago in relation to Conception Bay, Newfoundland. The Newfoundland Government had granted exclusive rights to the Anglo-America Telegraph Co. Another company—the Direct United States Cable Co.—then came and fixed a cable to a buoy more than three miles from the shore, but some 30 miles within the bay. The bay is well marked, and at its entrance are two promontories some 20 miles apart. It was argued that as care had been taken in laying the cable not to come within three miles of the shore an Act of the Newfoundland Government could not apply, and the interloping company could not be restrained. This case, however, was decided on the ground that all nations had agreed in the British Government exercising authority over this particular bay, and the question of principle was not settled.

Bristol Channel Case.
It was raised a few months ago in an action arising out of a collision in the Bristol Channel. The British str. "Cornish Coast" collided with the Italian owned str. "Fagernes" and was damaged. Her owners brought an action against the Italian company whose steamer had been sunk, and the Italian company moved to set the writ aside on the ground that the collision had occurred outside territorial waters. The exact spot was fixed at 10½ miles from the English coast and 9½ miles from the Welsh coast. The spot was, therefore, more than three miles from any coast, and as the Bristol Channel has a wide bell-mouth, the question was not settled by authorities relating to bays and estuaries commanded by two promontories. The Bristol Channel cannot strictly be called a bay or arm of the sea. Years ago, however, it was decided that a crime committed on an Amer-

TEAK VESSELS.

PARSEE SHIPWRIGHTS EFFICIENT.

The tariff which has been placed on foreign-built tonnage admitted to Indian registry cannot be regarded as anything but pure protection, with a strong element of politics in it, says the "Journal of Commerce." In order to get the protection a good deal was said and written about the prosperity of the Indian shipyards in the old days, and how they eventually proved that they could turn out better ships than the British.

This is, of course, true as far as it goes, for although the East India Company tried, in company with the British shipbuilders, to keep the country-built ships out of the home trade, they were at last forced to admit them under the pressure of war conditions, and then found that they were the finest ships in the service.

The Royal Navy had the same experience when they turned to Bombay and Mouline dockyards for a number of frigates and a few battleships. The workmanship of the Parsee shipwright was magnificent, but their great advantage was the teak of which they built their ships, and which made them practically indestructible.

Both the old generation of skilled shipwright, the master who could work with his own hands, and the material has now gone. Such wooden ships as are required are built locally as a matter of course, and do not call for any protection; the iron and steel shipbuilding industry in India has never been of any real account, and it is not likely to become so under artificial encouragement. But the local shipowners will have to pay more for their tonnage, and those who are working for the closing of the Indian coasting trade, even against British ships, have won a partial success.

ican ship in this Channel could be punished as if it had been committed in an English county.

The ship was lying in Penrith Roads, and the prisoner was tried for an offence committed within the County of Glamorgan. Then it was held that the whole of the inland sea between Glamorgan and Somerset was to be considered as within the counties of the shores of which its several parts were respectively bounded. No doubt in that case the scene of action was above Lavernock Point, but the principle applied to the whole Channel above a line drawn from Nash Point to the foreland. Therefore the collision occurred within the jurisdiction, and the action was one that could be tried in England. The difference might be extremely important, for by English law damages are limited to £8 per ton, and by Italian law to the value of the ship, and the ship in this instance was worth nothing, for she lay sunk in some 18 fathoms of water. — The Fagernes, 1926, W. N. 195.

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Either as a future reference or for sending away to friends abroad to acquaint them with the facts about China and Hong Kong, this week's number of the "Overland China Mail" will prove extremely useful.

Firstly, there is the fully cabled report of the Extrality Commission's findings—a document of momentous importance to the world. Instead of having to ask for information later on, every foreigner should have a copy on hand.

ANTI-FOREIGN TROUBLE AT HANKOW.

Similar in many respects to the wave of anti-foreign agitation at Canton, is the trouble that has broken out at Hankow. Each stage is carefully recorded this week, together with footnotes and explanations for non-Chinese.

THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

That the piracy problem is engaging the best attention is evident from the appointment of the "Sunning" commission, the "Gazette" announcement of which is reproduced in the weekly. In this issue will also be found the latest news about the raiding of an outlaw stronghold by military forces and the report of the first hearing against the "Sunning" suspects.

ALL THE LOCAL NEWS.

Other items of note in this week's "Overland" include:—visit of the new British Minister to China; anomalies arising from Canton's taxes; St. Andrew's Day and Ball report in full; newsletters from regular correspondents; special articles; topical cartoons; social notes, &c.

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The "Antung" arrived in Singapore on Nov. 17, and the injured man was taken ashore for treatment.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

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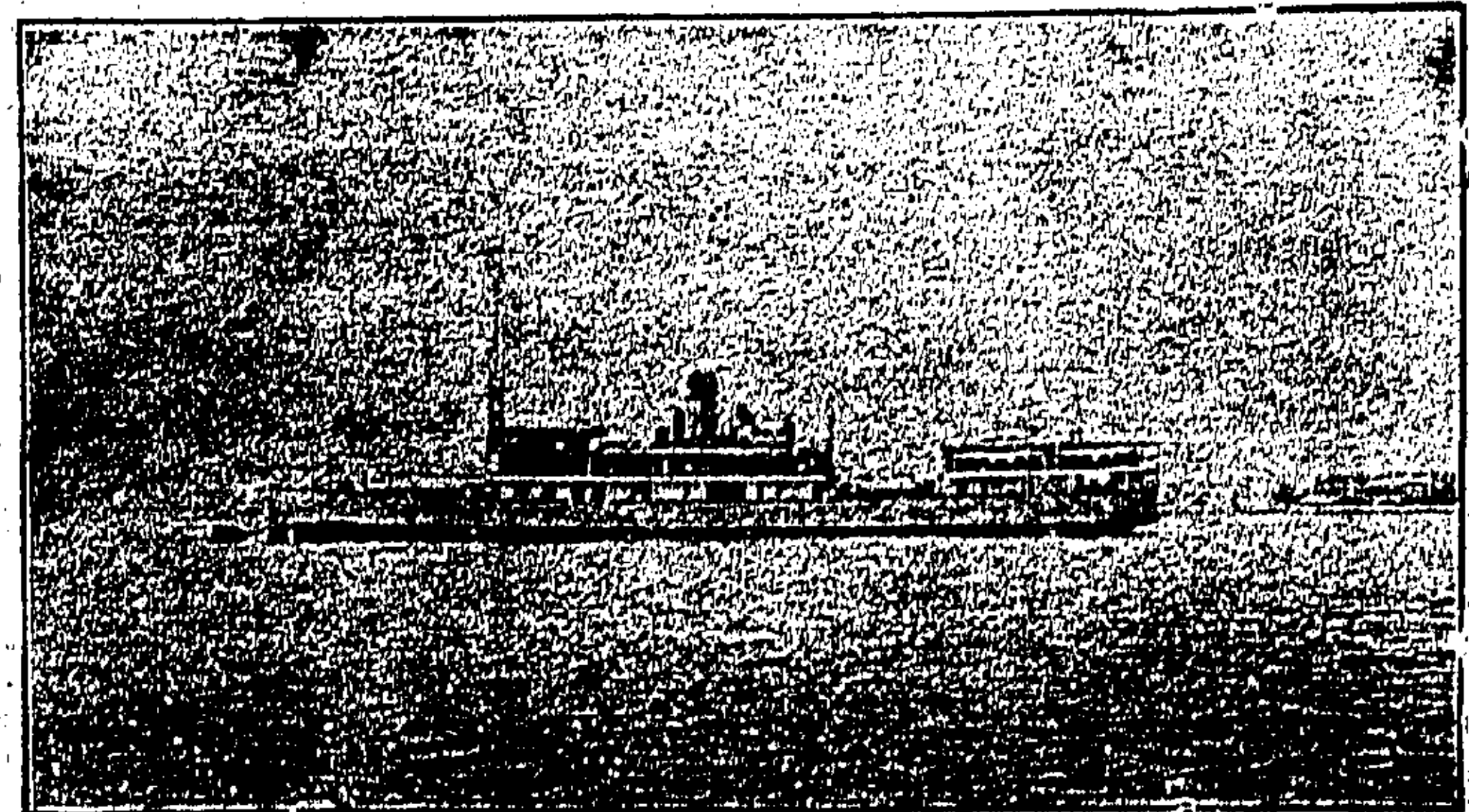
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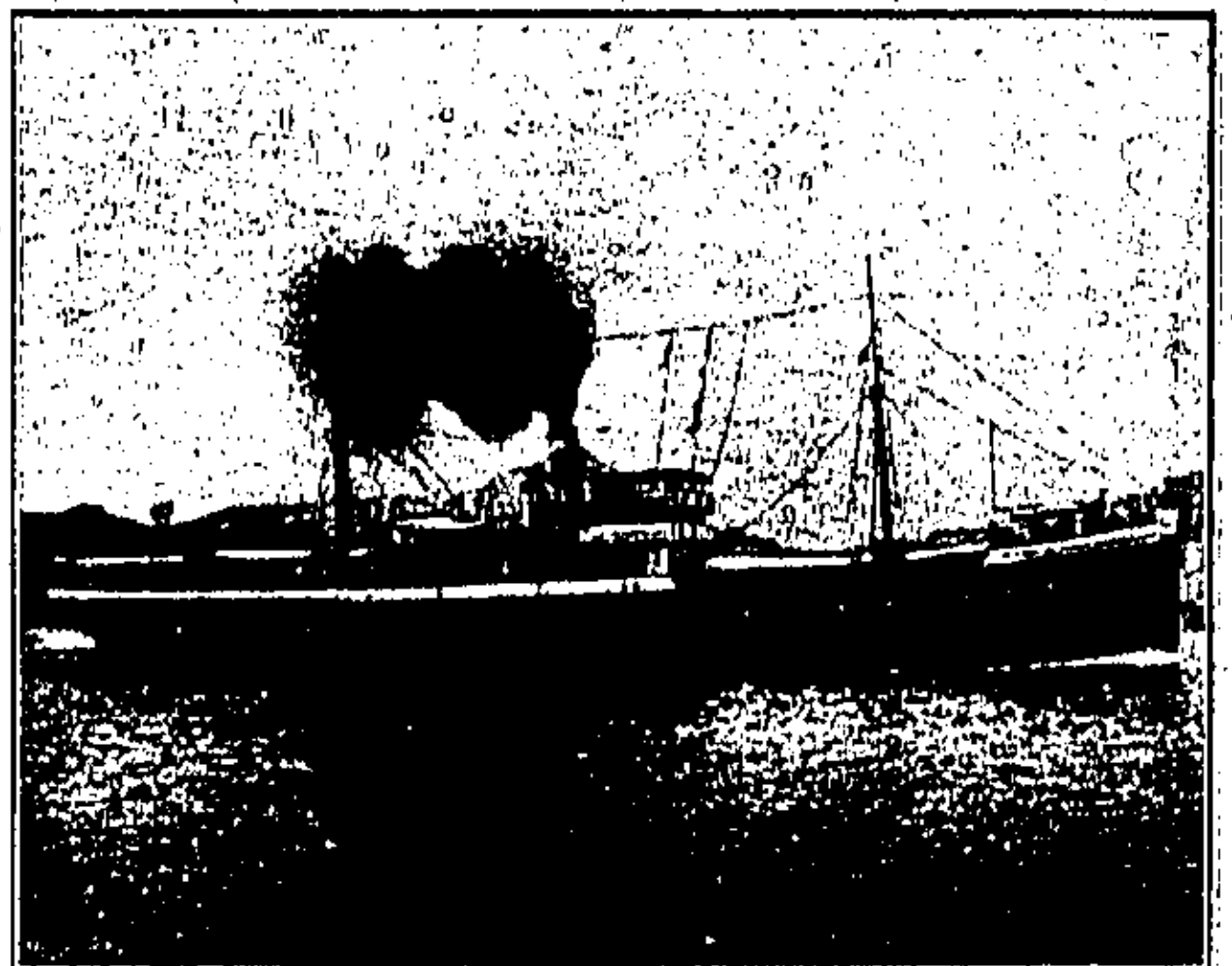
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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage of Mr. Robert Lythgoe
Road, of Shanghai, and Miss Joan
Vallance Fleming, will be celebrated at
St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, 18th
December, at 2.30 p.m. Following the
service a reception will be held at the
residence of Mr. John Fleming, 105,
The Park. Friends of Mr. Read and
Miss Fleming will be cordially wel-
comed both at the Cathedral and at
the Reception, and they are asked to
accept this as the only intimation as
no other invitations are being issued.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Dec. 4, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Whether or not its root lies in
the survival of the old clan feel-
ing, there is a solidarity among
Scotsmen the world over which
is never more clearly exemplified
than in the observance of days of
national historic import. The
spirit which marks the observ-
ance of St. Andrew's Day where-
ever true Scotsmen are gathered,
found expression in the tradition-
al hospitality and enthusiasm
which characterised the proceed-
ings at the annual St. Andrew's
Ball on Tuesday. If our local So-
ciety contented itself merely with
arranging yearly such a night of
jollity and good comradeship, the
European community in this
outpost of the Empire
would be beholden to it, although by so doing its
officers might open themselves to
the criticism that in days when
opportunities for dancing are
tenfold what they used to be, the
amount expended on the organ-
isation of a Ball might be devoted
to the relief of poverty either at
Home or abroad. But Scottish
patriotism here in Hong Kong, as
elsewhere, finds quieter and more
practical manifestation than in
what is sometimes termed as the
"aggressive nationalism" with
which such days as St. Andrew's
are ushered in. It is not alone
for convivial purposes that Scots-
men meet throughout the world
on the evening of St. Andrew's
Day, but also to do what they can
towards relieving the poverty
which may have overtaken de-
serving fellow-countrymen. That
our local Society stands no less
warmly by unfortunate brethren
is clearly shown by the relief
afforded in Hong Kong, the re-
cord of which was read at the an-
nual meeting but which, for ob-
vious reasons, was not published.
It is in a benevolence and bro-

therly helpfulness that the solid-
arity of Scotsmen finds its most
noble expression.

The gravity of the situation
with which the Island of Hong
Kong would be faced, should a
"lean" year of rainfall be experi-
enced, may be gauged from the
fact that in a year of an excep-
tionally heavy and prolonged
rainy season, the introduction of
rider main restrictions has been
necessary in the western district
of the city. The fault seems to
lie in the limited source of supply
of Pokfulam reservoir on which
the West Point service reser-
voir is dependent, the same diffi-
culty having led to the intro-
duction of similar restrictive mea-
sures last year. Whilst there was
every prospect of this and other
island supplies of water being
supplemented by the scheme for
linking up with the mainland
Shing Mun scheme, there was no
ground for grave fears as to the
future. With the policy which
directed the dropping of this part
of the scheme we are not at the
moment concerned, although
passing reference might be made
to the significant fact that both
schemes, the abandonment of
which occasioned so much com-
ment during the closing year (the
Ngau Shi Wan prison scheme and
the cross-harbour pipe scheme)
were to be carried out in leased
territory. The great need at the
moment is to substitute some-
thing for the abandoned pipe-line
scheme, and the only means of so
doing is to tap other districts on
the island for possible catchment
areas. This, it was indicated in
the budget speech, the Govern-
ment has every intention of doing
and, whilst the difficulties are
great in view of the large area
already under catchment, it is
understood that an area at Aber-
deen offers scope for development
as a site for the new reservoir
which H.E. the Governor briefly
referred to recently. The
urgency of the need makes it
essential that the construction of
the new reservoir should be put in
hand at the earliest possible
moment and if, as is rumoured,
the scheme in its entirety will not
be completed for three years, then
steps should be taken at the out-
set to ensure that parts of it can
be used as completed.

We have already referred in
these columns to the absurdity of
the situations created by the
edict issued by the local Govern-
ment that no member of any de-
partment is permitted to give in-
formation on any matter to the
Press. Yet another instance of
this childish foolishness occurred
during the week when a head of a
sub-department declined to give
information to a newspaper re-
presentative on a matter affecting
the public welfare. Carrying his
enquiry into higher official circles,
the reporter was referred back to
the official whom he first ap-
proached, and the information
was eventually forthcoming. The
official who apparently has to be
approached on any matter affect-
ing publicity of the widely diver-
gent public work he directs is un-
fortunately separated from the

offices of some of his numerous
sub-departments by no mean dis-
tance, and the present restric-
tions on news-getting leads to loss
of time which is nowhere so valu-
able as in a newspaper office. It
must also be annoying to the
officials on whose discretion the
edict casts somewhat of a reflec-
tion and to the head who is called
upon for information on work
which he has delegated to others.
No useful service can possibly be
served by continuing a policy
which is extremely inconvenient
to all concerned and can only be
construed as indicating a disin-
clination on the part of the Gov-
ernment to give publicity on
matters which are financed by the
money of those to whom the
Press is the only channel of in-
formation.

K'LOON BURGLARY.

OBSERVATORY VILLA DWELL-
ING ENTERED.

MR. CHARLTON'S LOSS.

Burglars who, in the early hours
of yesterday morning, broke into
the house of Mr. Charlton, 5 Observ-
atory Villas, Kowloon, got away
with clothing and other articles to
the value of nearly \$300.

The sitting room seems to have
been the scene of the robbers' chief
activities, entrance being obtained
by breaking the glass in the front
door. This must have been done
in a skilful manner, no one being
disturbed by the noise.

The robbers' haul comprised a
marble clock as presentation from
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps to a Mr. Hulet, valued at
\$300, two lady's coats, value \$90
and \$60 respectively, a cardigan
jacket, value \$9, and another worth
\$60. The thieves made good their
escape.

Up to a late hour last night no
arrests had been effected.

LOCAL FIRES.

BRIGADE OUT TWICE

YESTERDAY.

GODOWN COAL ABLAZE.

Two calls were received yester-
day by the Fire Brigade. A
consignment of coal in Messrs.
Jardine Matheson's godown at
East Point was responsible for
the first. This was extinguished
by two engines which were des-
patched to the scene.

About 4.30 p.m. some clothing
in a bedroom of a house in Russell
Street, East Point, caught alight
but was soon put out by the
Brigade.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

ACCIDENT IN THE SUEZ

ROADS.

London, Dec. 3.
A message from Port Said
states that the steamer "British
Advocate" from Abadan to
Swansea, and the French steamer
"Cappadocian" from Havre to
Haiphong, collided in the Suez
roads. Both were damaged.—
Reuter.

MORE WORK.

COTTON FEDERATION'S

DECISION.

London, Dec. 3.
The Federation of Master Cotton
Spinners has decided as from
Dec. 6, that spinning hours in the
American section shall be in-
creased an hour weekly to 85
hours. The American spinners
have also been released from
their pledge to observe minimum
yarn prices.—Reuter.

878 MEN AT WORK.

SINGAPORE ADMIRALTY

DOCKYARD.

London, Dec. 3.
In the House of Commons, re-
plying to a question, the First
Lord of the Admiralty, Mr.
Walter Bridgman, said that 878
men were employed on the con-
struction of the Admiralty dock-
yard at Singapore.—Reuter.

SOCONY.

NEW ISSUE SOON OVER

SUBSCRIBED.

New York, Dec. 3.
The Standard Oil debenture issue
was quickly oversubscribed.—Reu-
ter's American Service.

MASKED GANGS.

Shanghai Offices

Raided.

RACE PONIES' NAMES.

Varied Topics From The

North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 27.

Mr. Fu Siao-en, the well-known
managing director of the China
Merchants' Steam Navigation
Company, has been the re-
cipient of many congratulatory
messages from his numerous for-
eign friends following his an-
nouncement that unless the
Yangtze Tuhuns cease com-
mandeering his company's ships and
unless those ships at present
commandeered are released, he
will suspend all sailings up the
river.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has
taken most of the ships for use as
transports, while service to Can-
ton is virtually nil on account of
Cantonese seizures. At Swatow
it was reported that the military
were going to seize another ship
and the management telegraphed
to Amoy, to stop the vessel. The
captain was instructed to return
to Shanghai at once, which he did.

Masked Gang at Work.

Over \$4,000 in cash has been
burgled from business offices
during the past forty-eight
hours. In one instance, a
raid was made by masked
men on the office of Mr. Stirling
Fessenden, Chairman of the
Shanghai Municipal Council and
senior partner in the firm of solici-
tors, Messrs. Fessenden and
Holcomb.

According to police reports
handed out to the Press, the
cooie on the premises was
awakened about 15 minutes be-
fore the robbery, and was asked
as to the whereabouts of another
servant. Then at about 9.30 p.m.
three men, wearing long gowns
and Mandarin caps, arrived on
the scene, their faces covered
with masks. They bound the
cooie up with a long rope and
several towels, after stuffing cot-
ton wool into his mouth. They
appear to have had something in
mind for they went straight to a
small desk which they prized
open, touching nothing else dur-
ing their visit. They extracted
\$1,000 odd from this desk and
made good their escape.

Race Ponies' Names.

This hardy annual is again the
subject of much discussion in the
Club. Someone on the staff of
the "North-China Daily News"
had something to say on the
matter and a correspondent to
that journal has dug up some re-
miniscences of the past. In the
course of his letter he says that
he recalls a case which occurred
many years ago. An owner with
a large stable announced one
morning that he intended christ-
ening twelve of his new griffins
after the twelve Apostles. An
argument naturally followed and
became very heated towards the
close. Someone went so far as to
say that the Apostle ponies would
prove to be of the "also-ran"
class, which would be very shock-
ing. To make a long story short,
that august body, the Race Club
Stewards, sat over the matter in
solemn conclave and finally de-
cided that the Apostles' names
should not appear in the Race
books.

The discussion at the present

moment centres chiefly around
what is termed "ridiculous"
names, and most people are won-
dering whether the present
Stewards will take similar steps
to those of their predecessors.

Wanderers Returning.

Local Court reporters will be
kept pretty busy during the next
week or so, for two foreigners will
be arraigned on serious charges.

The first is William Chapman,
formerly Marshal of the United
States Court for China, who dis-
appeared last spring following
which defalcations in his ac-
counts amounting to G.\$30,000
are alleged to have been discover-
ed. Chapman was arrested in
Seattle and a long legal fight has
been taking place ever since.
Chapman's attorney arguing that
the authorities had no power to
return him to Shanghai for trial.
The decision of the District Court,
which was appealed against, was
upheld by the Supreme Court,
and Chapman, who has been in
custody since May, is due to ar-
rive in Shanghai on December 5.

The other case is that of Holgar
Harrendorf, the German mer-
chant who, it is alleged, defrauded
the Hong Kong and Shanghai
Bank of some £50,000. Harren-
dorf, of course, will be tried in
the Mixed Court, as Germans no
longer have extraterritorial
rights.

Who Knows?

When a question as to whether
the police evidence was correct
was answered with the remark,

"Goodness only knows: I was
senseless," the Registrar, Mr.
G. W. King, in H.M. Police Court,
said "The Police also seem to
know something about it."

"N.C. Daily News."

The Court retired to deliberate.

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before the Mixed Court. The law
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handed actions, he added.

"Because of what Dr. Bary has
said," the Assessor added, "the
Court will not hold you responsible
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write, speak or publish anything de-
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accomplished her object, she would
promise. The Court placed her un-
der a bond of \$1,000 for one year.
—N.C. Daily News."

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official
weather forecast for Hong Kong,
the adjoining coast and Formosa
Channel is:—fresh N.E. winds, fine.
At 11.10 a.m. to-day the Obser-
vatory reported:—Pressure has in-
creased moderately at Vladivostok,
and slightly over Japan and the
Yangtze valley. It is nearly sta-
tionary elsewhere. The anti-cyclone
has strengthened slightly and
spread southwards. Fresh mon-
soon may be expected along the S.E.
coast of China and over the China
Sea.

The Chinese papers state that
various organisations have re-
peatedly telegraphed to the Wal-
chiapou against the movement
of Soviet troops on the Chinese
frontiers. They condemn the Bol-
sheviks for interfering always
with China's domestic affairs.

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CREATIVE ART.

Artistic Display at Der A. Wing's.

CREPE PAPER EFFECTS.

A Treat for Hong Kong Ladies.

One of the difficulties with which would-be participants in fancy dress balls throughout the winter season are faced is that their pockets will hardly run to the purchase of a fresh costume for each carnival and if they wear the same one on each appearance they (and others) are liable to get tired of it.

The difficulty no longer exists with the introduction to Hong Kong of the materials and necessary instruction in the Dennison craft. With plain or designed crepe paper (in the case of fancy costumes, with a cloth base) many spectacular effects can be obtained that could be gained in no other way except by using very expensive materials. With Dennison's materials the cost is a mere song, and the design of costume can be changed at will.

But the application of the art of Dennison craft goes much further than the designing of costumes, handy though many Hong Kong people will find this. One can learn in a remarkably short space of time (by means of the advice afforded by the local agents and handy booklets which give the fullest of directions) how to decorate the home for any festive occasion and to grace the rooms with beautiful boudoir lamps, sandwich trays, flower vases containing "blooms" of all varieties and colours, table favours of all kinds and baskets made from paper rope.

Der A. Wing and Co., of 60, Des Voeux Road, Central, are to be congratulated on introducing this art to Hong Kong. On Monday the public is invited to be guests of the Dennison department which has been installed there when illustrations will be given on that and subsequent days of the multitudinous uses to which Dennison goods may be put with practical demonstrations of how to use those goods.

How To Learn.

An advance opportunity of witnessing what the public will then be privileged to see, was given yesterday to a "China Mail" representative who was amazed at the multitudinous uses to which paper can be put in the making of decorations, decorative articles, costumes, flowers, etc. Local ladies, under the tuition of Mrs. C. Darlington Wilson, of the Dennison Company, who is personally superintending, the work until they are sufficiently skilful to carry on without her, were turning out with deft fingers the most elaborate designs of all kinds. "It is perfectly easy to follow from the directions," he was assured by one, and certainly the result of their work was sufficient evidence of the skill they had attained in a comparatively short time.

The windows of Messrs. Der A. Wing's store and a show room which has been specially set aside for the purpose already bear witness to the effectiveness of this fascinating art. With the use of crepe paper and other decorative materials which may be obtained ready for use, such as festoons or streamers for overhead decorations, border designs for friezes, strips of icicles, crepe paper moss and cardboard cut-outs, windows and hall have been transformed into a scene of splendour which would do credit to the most lavish hotel on the occasion of a festive season. The designs, naturally enough at this time of the year, represent scenes which are associated with the observance of Xmas but equally as effective are those representing other festive occasions.

Paper Rope Weaving.

One of the most valuable branches of the Dennison art is that devoted to weaving with paper rope, a delightful evening occupation for those creatively inclined—and one attended with most fascinating results. Instruction is given at Messrs. Der A. Wing which, in conjunction with the book directions, ensures success with this material in a remarkably short space of time. The possibility of creating an endless variety of baskets, in every shape and size makes the work unusually attractive. The "China Mail" representative was shown numerous beautiful examples of the art which had been turned out by local ladies who had acted in accordance with the instructions.

A variety of artistic effects can also be obtained by moulding heated sealing wax, instruction in which is also given. The hostess who is looking for something unusual for a prize or favours, or anyone

TWO 9,000-TON SHIPS.

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DUTCH ENTERPRISE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 3.

In addition to orders recently placed with the Rotterdam Drydock Co. for a 9,000-ton steamer of 8,000-horse-power, the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij has placed a similar order with the Nederlandsche Scheepswaer Maatschappij of Amsterdam. Both vessels are for the Java-Australia service and will accommodate a limited number of passengers.—Reuter.

CLEARING THE AIR.

A MEXICAN OIL LAWS STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 3.

A statement described by officials of the State Department as helping to clear the air and relieve the somewhat tense situation as a result of the Mexican oil laws has been issued by the Mexican embassy, explaining that the Mexican Government would "confirm the rights of foreign companies and that the 50 year limitation of concessions would be applied only to Mexican companies." It states that the rights acquired by foreign companies before May 1, 1917 would be confirmed without costs and without the declaration renouncing diplomatic protection as required by law.—Reuter's American Service.

Government's Policy Unchanged.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.

The Mexican Foreign Office asserts that it has no knowledge of the statement issued by the Mexican Embassy at Washington with regard to the oil law. It states the policy of the Mexican Government was clearly defined in correspondence with the United States and remains unchanged.—Reuter's American Service.

ACQUITTED.

HALL-MILLS MURDER CASE VERDICT.

Somerville, New Jersey, Dec. 3.

The jury has acquitted the three accused in the Hall-Mills murder case.—Reuter's American Service.

LOWER COAL PRICES.

Rugby, Dec. 2.

Reductions ranging from five shillings to ten shillings a ton are made in pithead coal prices, and a rapid reversion to the pre-stoppage output is expected. Approximately two-thirds of the miners, about 750,000, are resuming work on an eight-hour day basis.

The Departmental Committee on co-operative selling in the coal industry has issued a majority report signed by eight members recommending the voluntary development of local selling pools among colliery owners, and advocating amalgamations to avoid excessive competition. The minority report, signed by three members, recommends free and open competition.—British Wire-less Service.

RAILWAY DISPUTE.

New York, Dec. 3.

The dispute which has been in progress over a year and affecting 50 lines and 90,000 men, has been ended by the eastern group of railways granting an increase in wages aggregating \$312,000,000 to trainmen, conductors, porters, and signalmen.—Reuter's American Service.

wishing to make an attractive gift for almost any occasion will find (as our representative did) many novel and charming ways in which it is possible to use sealing wax. Its use makes possible artistic arrangement by even the amateur of crepe paper designs on lamp shades, vases, and similar articles. Then there is the art of using sealing wax paint for finishing crepe paper rope weaving, for obtaining mottled pottery effects, as a substitute for glass and for effective designs on millinery, painted flowers and foliage.

A visit to Messrs. Der A. Wing will repay any housewife who wishes to set out her home effectually during the celebrations of the approaching festive season. Local teachers, too, might with benefit introduce the art to pupils. It would certainly be difficult to imagine a more beautiful means of giving expression to the creative instinct which is at no time so pronounced as in childhood.

OUR STREET NOISES.

Why Crowds Surround Orators.

SNAKE BITE ON THE TONGUE!

Politics As An Aid to Selling Medicine.

Strange antics by energetic Chinese street orators whose speeches are punctuated by gongs and drums have often puzzled foreigners as to their meaning. In Hong Kong, where political addresses are looked on askance, each and every one of these performers is merely out to do business—and to do business at a good profit.

Nearly every one of them is a purveyor of quack medicines. Their plausibility is best expressed in a Chinese colloquialism which means "Oh, they promise to cure everything (from 'struck dead by thunder' (meaning lightning) down to 'potty ailments')."

How is it then, one asks, that they are able to convince their hearers?

Fun Out of Absurdity.

By pretending to discourse on political topics—attraction, dangerous ground—these hawkers draw their audiences. A deft change, and the subject invariably switches to health. Here the knowing ones move away. But the majority stay—and buy.

A Chinese member of the Legislative Council, who is now dead, used to enjoy himself immensely listening for hours to the wonderful stories unblushingly told by these street orators. For the mere fun of the thing, he would buy his ten or twenty cents worth and give his purchases away. His smile showed how much he enjoyed the absurdity of the thing.

Agitator in Disguise.

Ladies have harangued crowds with success and so have mere boys. One woman spoke for quite a long time but did little business. The indifference she showed over her small takings aroused suspicion, and subsequently it was found that she had reversed the usual tactics. She pretended to sell pills but was really a political agitator!

Of the boys in the trade one is now the "biggest draw" on the Cantonese stage, having blossomed forth into a matinee idol in a dramatic rise to fame.

"Vegetarian" Pills.

Some of the utter rubbish peddled forth requires watching. Day after day, one of these orators will refer familiarly to well-known people, alleging that they pay him fancy prices for his wares, among such well-known people, being the interpreter at, say, one of the courts. Care is taken not to mention the official's name, but the humbug has to be kept up as the mere mention of an "interpreter" will carry weight with the multitude.

Not long after Dr. Wu Ting-fang (the famous post-revolution minister and father of Dr. C. C. Wu) died, a man with a regular pitch who sold what he called "vegetarian pills to attain longevity" referred to this famous name every day. He maintained that Dr. Wu Ting-fang used his pills regularly and "that was why he looked so ruddy even with white hairs!"

Why Europeans Are Tall.

Accomplices, dressed very respectably, mingle with the crowd, eagerly handing over a \$1 note when the sale begins. Even though most of the street orators are frauds, they give their audiences their money's worth. A speech, or demonstration, never lasts less than an hour.

A professor of gymnastics or Chinese boxing, is usually well versed in herbs for healing wounds, sprains, broken bones &c. A long drawn out bout with an imaginary foe, accompanied with all the noise from the brass band and drum—the better to impress the audience—leads up to a comparison on the relative stature and physique of Chinese and Western faces.

"Why," the orator asks, "do Europeans grow so tall and big?" "Because they take abundant exercise," replies the colleague with the gong.

Exercise & Generosity.

Then follows a discourse on the benefits of exercise but to be able to go in for such, one must first strengthen "the foundation of one's constitution." The only way to do so, is by a regular dose of whatever medicine is offered by the demonstrator.

A dodge to ensnare those who make to leave before the sale begins is as follows: "Now don't run away," says the vendor. "I have nothing to sell. Just wait a minute and I will give another show." But while the gifts are being brought out of the bag, two accomplices will begin to squabble for the gifts. Maintaining that he has no alternative, the man sug-

gests that each applicant present him with, not pay, him say, the equivalent of a packet of cigarettes, offers being dealt with in rotation so that all can be served.

Fight By Captive Snakes.

Yet another ruse is to make promises that need not be fulfilled. Two snakes whose fangs have been drawn will be thrown on the ground. The exhibitor says he will stage a genuine snake fight, his reptiles being trained to engage in a death struggle at sight.

By sharp passes of the hand, the professor angers the snakes sufficiently to make them raise their heads and draw their teeth. A warning is uttered and some of the medicine is first brought out to prepare for eventualities should anybody be bitten.

"Perhaps I had better explain how this medicine acts," interposes the professor. A few judicious words, the snakes are replaced in the bag and the sale begins. But there is no fight afterwards.

Cut Themselves Open.

The better to prove the qualities of their wares, men have daily been labouring their own bodies with heavy iron bars, cut their arms and legs open with a chopper and even excited a tame, captive snake to bite their own lip until it has swelled tremendously. True enough, the medicine act as an immediate restorative and the wounds cannot be gouged! What better proof is wanted—but at the most only a dollar or two is collected at each show.

Even if a close study were made of this branch of salesmanship, it would be impossible to describe all the tricks of the trade.

The most common trick is to engage the crowd in a political argument on matters of moment. The losing side—it may be Wa Pei-su or Sun Chin-fan—is pointed to as lacking in something which a certain type of pills, herbs or other "patent" preparation can remedy.

Modern Influences.

Some hawkers break out into extemporaneous songs which are both topical and amusing. Others perform sleight-of-hand tricks while a few rely on ready wit and a sharp tongue.

Small as the scope may be, the value of advertisement is fully realised. A big banner will bear the name of a boxing expert who is claimed to be a close relative or tutor of the speaker.

Coloured labels and other attractive articles are now used freely. One result of modern influence is that a few of these orators have forsaken the beaten track of medicine for a stock of cheap sweetmeats. Coppers are more easily taken than small silver and even a streeturchin can find one cent to taste a novelty in candy.

SERVICE PENSIONS.

The following amendment of the Pension Minute which appears in the General Orders of the Hong Kong Government is published for general information:—

Service will be deemed to commence for pension purposes, in the case of Cadets as well as of other officers, at the date on which they commence to draw salary, provided that if a Cadet without cause which the Governor in his discretion considers adequate fails to pass the final examination in the native language within the prescribed period, the period by which the date of his passing his final examination is overdue will be deducted from his term of service when his claims to pension are considered.



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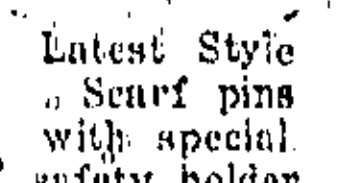
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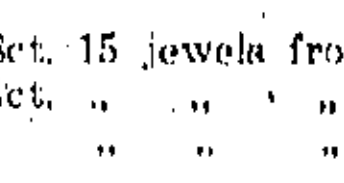
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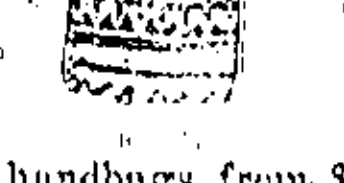
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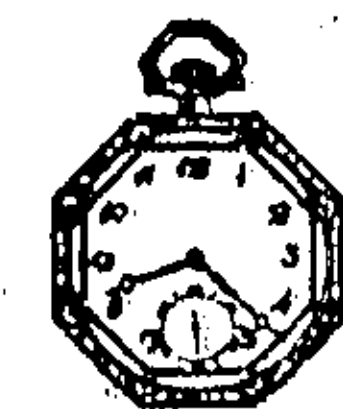
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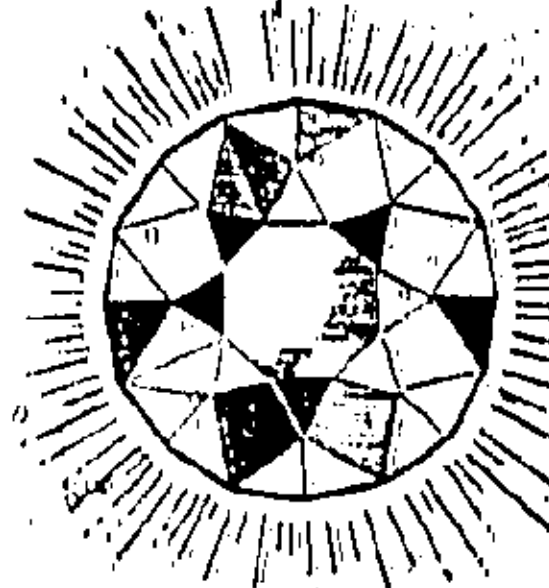
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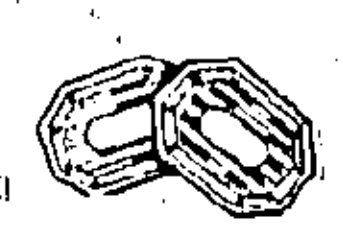
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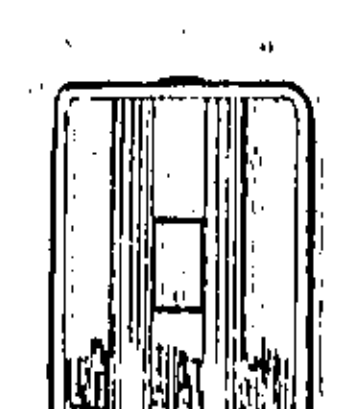
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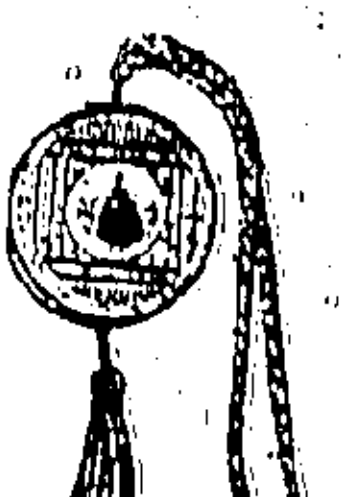
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December 4—Theatrical Society: "The Goose Woman" 9.20 p.m.
December 4—Dance at Palace Hotel, Kowloon, with Black and White Syncopated Orchestra in attendance, 9 p.m.
December 9—Musical at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.
December 11—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.
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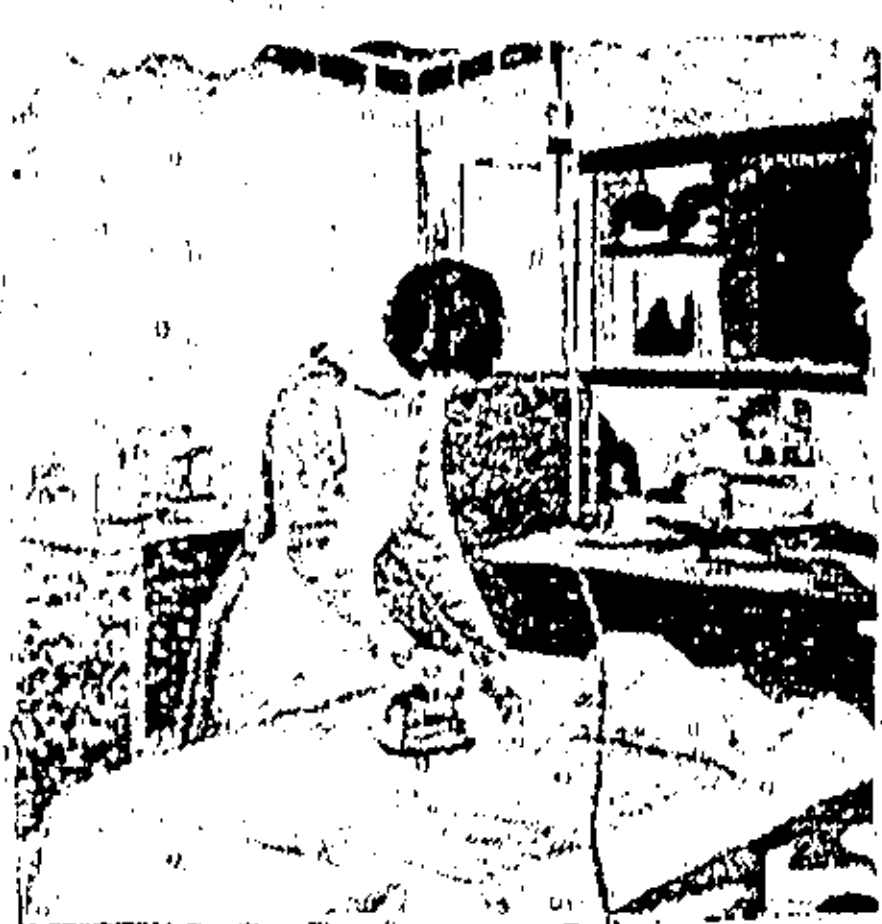
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The Diocesan Girls' School are holding a Bazaar, to-day. This is a big effort to raise \$1,000 for their school ground and athletic equipment and also for the support of an orphan in the Victoria Home, Kowloon City.

Interesting and well written notes appear in the December number of the "Monthly Messenger" (the magazine of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon) on the Scout Troop (by Scoutmaster T. E. Jackson) and The Wolf Cubs (by T. E. W.).

Will members of the Helena May Institute please note that there will be a Musical on Thursday, 9th December at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be served from 4.45 p.m. Tickets including Tea 50 cents each, can be bought at the Secretary's Office before noon on the 8th inst.

Confirmation classes will commence with a united class for boys and girls on Sunday, December 12 at 10 a.m. prompt in St. Andrew's Church. On the following Sundays, the boys meet in the Vicarage, and the girls in the Church Hall at 10 a.m. It is hoped to arrange a class for adults to begin the first week in January.—"Monthly Messenger."

Mr. Rupert Baldwin proposes to organise a Carol choir to tour the parish two or three evenings during the week prior to Christmas Day, in the interests of charity. This was a very popular venture last winter and was successful in raising nearly \$300. Ladies and gentlemen willing to join this Carol choir should advise Mr. R. Baldwin, 23 Jordan Road.—"Monthly Messenger."

The latest issue of the St. Andrew's Church magazine ("Monthly Messenger") says:—Will those who would like to provide flowers for the Holy Table for one month during 1927, kindly let Mrs. Lindsay know. We shall again welcome gifts of flowers and greenery for Christmas decorations on December 24 at 10 a.m. We shall need the help of ladies as usual. On the last occasion we were very short indeed of the help required. On Sunday, December 26 at 6 p.m., there will be a Christmas Carol service and organ recital.

A British wireless message, states that Prince Henry is going to the Riviera early next week to recuperate after his recent operation.

To-morrow, Sunday, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, M.A., will preach his farewell sermons at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The Rev. J. V. Westlake, M.P.A., arrived in Singapore on the "Macedonia" and will be assistant Chaplain at the Cathedral. He comes from Birmingham Cathedral and is a talented musician.

Mr. J. S. Strachan, formerly Director of Public Works at Singapore, and now holding a similar appointment in Ceylon, is to be General Manager of Railways, F.M.S., in succession to Mr. Spiller.

The wedding is announced of Mr. R. L. Read of Shanghai and Miss J. V. Fleming, to take place at St. John's Cathedral on Dec. 18 at 2.30 p.m. The reception will follow at No. 105, The Peak, the residence of Mr. John Fleming.

During the indisposition of Miss D. Kelley, the Young Women's Bible Class at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, is being led by Miss Dunk. Miss Dunk has been a Missionary (C.M.S.) for twenty-five years.

A social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 8.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. A committee representative of different church organisations is making all the necessary arrangements.

Succeeding the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith on the clergy of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers will preach first on Sunday, December 19, both in the morning and evening. As has been previously stated, Mr. Rogers has been with the Church Missionary Society for 17 years. He has worked in Canton and district; he was Principal of Holy Trinity College and latterly Warden of St. Andrew's Hostel. Mrs. Rogers is also coming to the parish. She was a C.M.S. missionary before her marriage.

Through a bale of paper falling on him while in the Kowloon Godowns yesterday, a coolie was killed.

Taking an overdose of opium with which to end her life, a Chinese woman of No. 42, Square Street (Taipingshan district) succumbed yesterday in the Government Civil Hospital.

That his rent collector absconded with \$2,700 is the report made by a local Chinese landlord to the Police. A part of this money was to have been paid into the Colonial Treasury and another portion was handed over to the agent for remittance (on his master's account) to Shanghai.

Six bales of leather, valued at \$1,800 were stolen from a godown at No. 124, Belchers Street, West Point, yesterday. The owner believes that the door was opened by a duplicate key. He had the godown-keeper arrested and the latter accused his assistant of having removed the leather to the s.s. "Chuen Chow" for shipment to Macao.

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed the first week of January, as usual in all the Churches in the Colony:—January 3, St. John's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; January 4, Union Church, 5.30 p.m.; January 5, St. Andrew's, Kowloon, 6 p.m.; January 6, Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, 5.30 p.m.; January 7, Helena May Institute, 10 a.m.

It is reported that the murderer of Mr. Carl Fisher at Peking has been arrested. It appears that on the very night of the crime the murderer, accompanied by a woman, left for Tsinan by train, and that the woman has lodged information against the man which has led to his arrest. It is understood he is a Russian gipsy, and that he will be sent under escort to Tsingtau.

A Chinese who tried the ingenious trick of attempting to smuggle about seven pounds of non-Government chandu into Singapore in the false bottom of a can containing gold fish, failed to pass the hawk eye of the Revenue Officers, and as a result had to pay a fine of \$500 or go to prison for four months. For being in possession of \$690 worth of contraband opium two Indians, members of the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer, "Egra," were charged in the same Court and remanded.

Memorials of Re-entry by the Crown on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1738 and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1850 have been registered according to law.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance:—Ordinance No. 10 of 1926.—An Ordinance to amend the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1883.

There will be a Whist Drive at the Helena May Institute on December 16th at 8.30 p.m., if sufficient members and their friends are forthcoming. Tickets must be booked before the 9th December at the Secretary's Office.

A coolie employed at the Kowloon godowns died in hospital yesterday afternoon from injuries sustained as a result of the descent of a 330 lbs. bale of newspapers from the chute of No. 49 godown. The bale, which fell a height of about 30 feet, struck the man on the head and shoulders.

The case in which Mrs. Sima Polonotsky is charging H. A. Pik with assaulting her at 347 Broadway on Nov. 11 was to have come up for hearing again in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on Nov. 24, but, upon its being called, the Bench read a letter which purported to have come from Pik in the course of which he asked to be excused from attending as he had to go to Hankow. At the request of Mr. L. Hartigan, for the complainant, accused forfeited his bail and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

A Pole named Theodore Tansky, whose address was given as 151, Danroch Road, was brought before Messrs. Whitmore and Zay at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on Nov. 24 when a charge was preferred against him by Mrs. V. A. Chunchen who alleged that accused, together with an American named H. A. Keays and two Chinese, struck her about different parts of the body and caused her bodily harm. The affair is said to have occurred in North Szechuen Road on September 9. Accused asked for an adjournment as he desired to call witnesses. Mr. N. A. Ivanoff, for the prosecution, had no objection and the case was remanded for special hearing.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Dr. W. A. Taylor has been appointed to act as C.M.O. Singapore from October 26, and Dr. R. B. MacGregor similarly at Malacca.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling, M.B.E., to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from December 5.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation by Lieutenant James Thornton Smalley of his Commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from November 29.

Old Watsonians in Malaya are arranging to hold a dinner at the Ipoh Station Hotel on December 11, in honour of Dr. John Alison, the recently retired Headmaster of the School, who is on a world tour.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. William John Anderson, Civil Servant, of R.E.L. 135, Victoria Road, Pokfulam, to Miss Mary Tyrrell of Shanghai; and Mr. Thomas Brameld, Architect, Sharnen, to Miss Doris Lindsay, Southsea, England.

Heifez, one of the world's foremost violinists, is booked to tour the Far East under the management of Mr. A. Strok early next year. Music lovers of Shanghai will doubtless look forward with keen interest to his visit. Word has just been received from Copenhagen, where he is now touring, that he wishes to be known as "Heifez" only.

Lieut.-Colonel Cecil L'Estrange Malone, R.A.F., who has recently returned to England from China, is associated with Rear-Admiral M. F. Sueter in a claim now being heard before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors in regard to torpedo-carrying seaplanes. It was stated in evidence given on October 18, that three enemy ships were sunk in the Dardanelles by eight torpedoes carried by seaplanes on which the invention was used. The seaplanes were under the command of Lieut. L'Estrange Malone.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, of the local law firm of Lee and Russ, returned to Hong Kong this week on the s.s. "Yorck," with Mrs. Russ and family.

Miss Florence Fox of Kobe, was married to Mr. Douglas James Handford, manager of the Yokohama office of the "Japan Advertiser," on November 20, at All Saint's Church in Kobe.

Owing to his departure from Shanghai, Mr. W. P. Lumbe has resigned his seat on the Electricity Committee, and his resignation has been accepted by the Municipal Council with regret, the Municipal Gazette states.

Heinrich Krause, a former teacher at Brookau is showing the world that one can still play the piano at the age of 100. Though he gave up regular teaching twenty-seven years ago, he continues to play for an hour or more every day.

The Raja Muda of Selangor, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Inche Daud, the A.D.C. to the Sultan, his Malay Secretary, the Chief Kathi and Raja Abdullah proceeded to Langkat, Sumatra, on November 15 to attend the marriage ceremony of the daughter of H.H. the Sultan of Langkat.

The new Commissioner of Police resumed his post in Ningpo a few days ago. Cordial farewell receptions were given, and many tablets of merit were presented by the local public organisations, in honour of Mr. C. J. Ling, who did quite a satisfactory service during his service as a Commissioner of Police.

Mrs. Chetverenko, widow of a late employee of the Russian Consulate, committed suicide at 223 Rue Chapais, Shanghai, on November 25 by shooting herself in the head with a revolver.

Mr. Iwanaga, Managing Director of the Nippon Shimbun Reng, and formerly general manager of the "Kokusai News Service," arrived in Shanghai on November 26 from Tokyo. Mr. Iwanaga, who is a leading figure in journalistic circles in Japan, will stay in Shanghai a few days.

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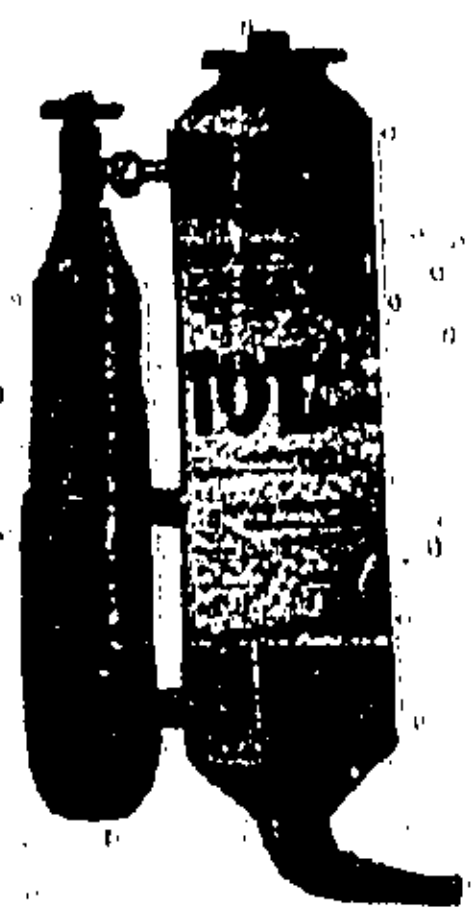
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SPORTS SECTION

SOCCER TRIAL.

INTERPORT TEAM AGAINST SHANGHAI.

THE FIRST PRACTICE.

In connection with the Interport Football match to be played against Shanghai at Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year holidays, the first local trial game will be played on Wednesday.

The kick-off is at 4.30 p.m. and the teams, who will play in blue and white, are as under:—
Blues:—Pau Keping (Chinese Athletic), Ogle (Club de Recreation), Sherry (Police), E. F. Remedios (Club de Recreation), Hudson (Police), A. V. Remedios (Club de Recreation), Pile (Kowloon), Valente (Hong Kong F.C.), Leach (R.A.), Hayes (Kowloon), King (Tamar).

Whites:—Durand (Kowloon), Gardner (Scottish Borders), Wellington (H.K.F.C.), Davy (K.O.S.B.), Wong Shui-wa (Chinese Athletic), Orem (Police), Robbins (Tamar), Ip Kau (Chinese Athletic), Gosano (Club de Recreation), McInchey (K.O.S.B.), Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).
Reserves:—McBride (H.K.F.C.), Caville (Kowloon), and Lo Wai-mai (Chinese Athletic).

A very close and exciting billiard match was played last night at the Palace Hotel between sides representing the K.O.S.B. and H.M.S. "Hawkins." The match was six-side and resulted in a narrow win for the "Hawkins" by 653 points to 651.

CANTON PROTEST.

TELEGRAM TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

TIENTSIN ARRESTS SEQUEL.

Following is the Canton protest which has just been telegraphed from the Canton Foreign Office to the British Government. It concerns fourteen Kuomintang members who it is alleged, were arrested in Peking recently and handed over to the Fengtien authorities.

In response to nation-wide popular indignation and after a thorough examination of the matter the Nationalist Government deems it necessary to enter a most energetic protest against the arrest of fourteen members of the Kuomintang in the British Consession at Tientsin on November 23, and their delivery into the hands of the Fengtien military authorities. These fourteen Chinese citizens were peacefully living within the limits of the British Consession which is Chinese territory.

"There was no previous accusation of any sort against them, so it is to be presumed they had not been disturbers of order, or the British authorities would long since have taken the ordinary action against any trouble-makers or promotion of disorder. The sudden decision of the British authorities in the British Consession at Tientsin to have these fourteen men arrested and delivered into the hands of the Fengtien authorities was inspired by representatives of the Fengtien Party.

"Amazing Promptness." "The amazing promptness with which the British Diplomatic Consular authorities complied with the request of these Fengtien authorities to move against Chinese citizens who happen to be members of the Kuomintang seems to indicate clearly enough that the British Authorities in China are deliberately giving assistance to the political and military adversaries of the Nationalist Government, an attitude which is not only in contravention of the principles of international law, but also against the rights of our people. This action we deem to have been unqualified violation of the rights of Chinese citizens residing within the limits of the Foreign Consession. It is a crime against humanity and a wilful and deliberate pronouncement by the British Authorities in China against the national aspiration of the Chinese people.

"Adequate Indemnity." "The Nationalist Government is not yet in receipt of definite information regarding the fate of the fourteen men handed over to the Fengtien military leaders by the British Authorities in China. There is ample reason to fear, however, that they have been murdered under simple pretext of 'execution.' This is to be

M.C.C. TOUR.

WARNER'S OPINION ON THE CHANCES.

LONDON, DEC. 3.

There were many prominent officials at Waterloo this morning to give a send off to the M.C.C. team which is to tour the Argentine and Chili.

Mr. P. F. Warner remarked that Capt. T. O. Jameson, J. C. White and G. O. Allen would make a good bowling combination, but he recognised the team must be tuned up against the improved form of the Argentine cricketers, who ran Lord Hawke's side very close in representative matches.—Reuter.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

Against the H.K.S.B. R.A. Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" yesterday lost by 2 goals to nil.

The Club, however, beat the Scottish Borders in another match by 4 goals to 1.

In a cricket match between the Volunteers and the Civil Service C.C. at 11 a.m. sharp to-morrow on the C.S.C.C. ground, the following will represent the Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), J. A. Summers, J. C. Lyall, C. D. Wales, H. T. Buxton, H. C. Burgess, H. E. Standage, J. R. Hinton, E. G. Renton, C. T. Evans, and F. G. L. Wheeler.

feared in the light of the widespread knowledge of the summary apparatus "justice" which has always characterised the Fengtien authorities. If this sad result is followed by the delivery of these men into their hands by the British Authorities in China, then Nationalist China and this Government will be forced to hold the British Government responsible and will be compelled to demand adequate indemnity for their lives.

"If it should be that the British Legation at Peking acted upon its sole responsibility in handing over these men to the Fengtien authorities then the Nationalist Government hopes the officials responsible shall be punished and that instructions be issued to their successors that there must be an end to such illegal, as well as inhuman action.

"Demand For Release." "Meanwhile, the Nationalist Government expects to be apprised that the British Government has urgently telegraphed to its Legation at Peking and its Consulate at Tientsin to make a thorough investigation as to the whereabouts of the arrested men and to demand their release. In this event also the Nationalist Government will ask compensation to the arrested men.

"The Nationalist Government takes this opportunity to warn the British Government against its apparent policy of antagonism towards the Nationalist China. It is in complete contravention of its often expressed desire to further the ends of peace. It is difficult for the Nationalist Government to understand this phase of British policy in China forcibly intruding in Chinese affairs. For its consequences the Nationalist Government will hold the British Government to strict accountability."

In this connection the Thirtieth Joint Conference of the Political Department of the Nationalist Government adopted the following resolutions concerning the Tientsin affair; that a strong protest be lodged to the British Government; that a warning be issued to the British Consul at Tientsin; that popular demonstrations be held; that steps be taken to help the arrested Kuomintang members; that subscriptions be solicited from all classes to help the arrested men; that party meetings be marked by three minutes' silence as a tribute to the arrested members.

Koo Shung-tong, (32) was charged at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, as a result of being found in Fukien Road in possession of an automatic pistol and six rounds of ammunition for unlawful purposes. Det. Sub-Insp. Douglas asked for a week's remand in order that further charges of armed robbery could be preferred against the prisoner, who told the Court that the pistol had been given to him by a man named Sung. The case was accordingly remanded.

DHARMA.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

THE LAW OF SACRIFICE.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Laneport gave an address on "The Law of Sacrifice." He said in brief:—

A man can only realise himself as a Higher Consciousness in proportion as he tranquillises the senses, in proportion as he restrains the mind, and he will then advance towards the Higher Life in proportion as he obeys the Law of Duty, of Dharma, as he definitely and resolutely sets himself to the payment of the obligations that he has incurred. And when a man thus has become dutiful, it is the Law of Sacrifice that will lift him further upwards and enable him to reach union with the Divine. It has often been said that sacrifice is printed on the universe we live in, for the universe emanated by an act of supreme sacrifice and can only be preserved by the continual renewal of it. This world truly is not for the non-sacrificer, for man cannot even live in the world of forms, save as he performs acts of sacrifice.

The Wheel of Life. The revolving wheel of life can, not go on, unless each member, unless each living creature, helps to turn it by the performance of acts of renunciation. Life can be preserved only by continual sacrifice; for the whole of evolution is rooted in sacrifice, in renunciation of the form that the life within might unfold into the full stature of manifested Divinity. The world is bound by karma, by action, save that action which is sacrifice. That is the lesson we have to learn on our homeward way to God.

When a man begins to renounce the fruit of action, when he has learnt to perform all his actions as duty, without looking for their fruit, then there will ring out in him a still higher note, the higher call on the Path of Return. "Better still than the sacrifice of wealth is the sacrifice of wisdom," for all actions in their entirety are contained in wisdom, and by discipline, by questioning and by worship, he shall pass beyond the illusion of separateness, and learn to see all beings in the Self, and thus in God, and God in all things. That is the note of true Spirituality, the sacrifice of wisdom, the glorious vision of Unity with all that exists. Here comes a critical point for the evolving soul. Trying to sacrifice the fruit of action, trying to be dead to attachments, dispassion overcomes the weary soul, all motive for action having disappeared. It has lost the stimulus of the world of forms, and has not yet found the stimulus of the world of Life. Disgust of all objects is upon him. He seems to have wearied of the Law of Duty, he has not yet seen the heart of the Law of Sacrifice.

The Law of Life. Fear not, trembling soul, when that moment of utmost isolation cometh. Fear not to lose touch with the transitory ere thou findest touch with the Eternal. Listen to the glorious Law of

Life: "He that loveth his life shall lose it, but he that loseth his life shall find it unto Life Eternal." That is the test of the Inner Life. You cannot touch the higher until you have lost grasp of the lower. You cannot feel the higher, until the touch of the lower is becoming that of a corpse. Such is the law of the Higher Life—in giving up the lower, the higher is secured, and by throwing up the life we know, the Life Eternal gains us as its own. Such the experience of all those who in the past have reached the spiritual life. Such the record they have left us for our encouragement and cheering when to us too, the gulf presents itself for crossing. The Law of Sacrifice is that the life of the Spirit consists in giving, and not in taking, in pouring itself out and not in grasping, in self-render and not self-appropriation, in utterly giving all that one has, sure that the fullness of the Life Divine will enter in.

The Secret of Life.

How natural it is. The Life Inexhaustible is ever bubbling out of the limitless fullness of the Self. Form is limited, life is unlimited. Therefore the form lives by taking, and the life grows by giving. Just in proportion as we empty ourselves of all we have is there room for the Divine fullness to flow in. Therefore Renunciation is the secret of life, as appropriation is the secret of Form. This then is the Law of Sacrifice, that we must give ungrudgingly in all things, by this and this alone we truly live. As long as we identify ourselves with the form, we think of sacrifice as an act of pain. We are, however, not form, but life, and keener than any pleasure that the world of forms can give, more joyous than any joy that comes from wealth or position, is the bliss of the free Spirit, which, by pouring itself out, finds union with the Self and knows itself as living in many forms, for the Spirit, the Life in all is One. Having learnt to realise, if but for a moment, the unity of the Self in all, how then shall we behave ourselves to our brother man? We shall then recognise only differences in the form, in the containing vessels of the Spirit, and not in the indwelling life; we shall then lose utterly the sense of separate life, and become part of the Life of the World, and as we realise this, and know that the only value of the body is to be an instrument, a channel of the higher life, we shall slowly and gradually rise above all thoughts, save the thought of unity, and feel ourselves as part of one humanity, whose griefs are our griefs, whose sins are our sins, and the weakness of our brothers our weakness, and see through all the differences the underlying One Self. Only in this way can we live in the Eternal. The Sacrifice will thus be marked in his attitude to those around him, however degraded, foul or ignorant, by his touch of divine compassion, which cannot see the repulsiveness of the outer form, but can only realise the beauty of the Self enshrined therein, and he does it without feeling the difference, because of the Unity of the Self. How then shall we make it real, how shall we make it our own, this wonderful recognition of the Life beyond all

RUBBER SURPRISE.

CEYLON TO STAND OUT FROM RESTRICTION.

QUESTION BEFORE COUNCIL.

Colombo, Dec. 3. The Legislative Council is discussing the following motion: "This Council is of the opinion that Ceylon should now stand out of rubber restriction, the readjustment which in the recent instructions of the Secretary of State is not economic for Ceylon."—Reuter.

Pool Purchase Plan.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 3. Mr. Harvey Firestone has pledged his support of the co-operative movement for the purchase of crude rubber through a central organisation whose purchasing power will cover over 50,000 tons of rubber.—Reuter's American Service.

MYSTERY SOLVED.

CURIOUS DINNER AT DOVER.

At a meeting of Dover Town Council recently the Town Clerk reported on a point raised by Alderman Barnes, arising out of "The Times" reprint from its issue of September 2, 100 years ago, of a paragraph concerning "a very curious dinner at Dover." The paragraph recorded an annual dinner by the Mayor and Corporation paid for out of the balance of a legacy left by an eccentric old gentleman to repair "trunnell holes" in the pier as he had lost his gold-headed cane through one. The point raised in the council was what had become of the capital of the legacy.

The Town Clerk now reported that, through the courtesy of Mr. Travers Harby, a local solicitor, he had received a copy of the will in question. It was that of Mr. Henry Matson, merchant, dated October 17, 1720, whose executors were to acquire lands which would bring in £150 per annum to the Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour for the use and repair of the said harbour for ever, on condition that—

The Warden and Assistants should take care to have all these trunnell holes stopped, and constantly kept so, and the pins cut off close and even, or else this gift to be void.

The Town Clerk added that he had also been in communication with Mr. Rutley Mowll, Registrar of Dover Harbour Board, and asked him how the Mayor and Corporation came into the matter at all, and whether the Harbour Board still got the income of £150 a year. He also asked whether it was not the Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour who received the dinner, and not the Mayor and Corporation. Mr. Mowll had replied that the Warden and Assistants received the income and, no doubt, the trunnell holes were duly stopped up. The property, which brought in the £150 a year was sold many years ago by the Warden and Assistants, and the proceeds were used for the harbour.

Only by daily acts of renunciation in the little things of life, only by learning in every thought, word and action to live; and love and serve the Unity of all.

JAVA DISORDERS.

HOW COMMUNISTS FOSTERED DISCONTENT.

Batavia, November 15.—As the Aneta service will have informed you by cable of the disturbances at Batavia and, on a smaller scale, in other places, and the revolt in Bantam, the most western part of Java, I have refrained to comment on the situation purposely, until conditions have again become more normal and the situation can be summed up better.

As to Batavia there is not the slightest doubt that the outbreak was prompted by Communist influence, but it has to be noted that for the last few years there has been continual talk about Communist activities in the Colony, and every expression of discontent or strike movement from the native community has been labelled with the word "Communist" by the European press.

There is no doubt that the Communists have continued to perfect their organisation and have steadily proceeded to enroll as their willing tools the most desperate gang robbers and all those who had in one way or another personally suffered supposed injustices on the part of the police or other officials. At the moment they found opportunity they have let these loose on the police and the representatives of Government in general, on the one hand as a demonstration before the disappointed masses of the native population, as if pointing to future possibilities if they join the Communist part, and on the other as a means of compromising the Dutch Government in the eyes of the world.

They have made use of the smouldering anger of the people against the police and other functionaries, and this policy is entirely in accordance with the programme of the Communists as laid down at the Third International.

Unexpected Outbreak.

The authorities were informed about their plans to an extent, but as to what really happened they were taken by surprise. It is also quite evident that they never expected to be Brownings and other modern firearms, but when the situation once became clear the disturbances were quelled not only successfully but also safely.

The general tendency has been to display no wanton frightfulness. The military have only been called in to assist the police but the weight of the counter action has remained with the ordinary and the so-called armed police.

Since the actual outbreak in the night of Friday or Saturday only minor incidents occurred at Batavia, and at present everything is quiet again. The public buildings, post office, railway stations, etc., are still under guard, as well as the entrances to the town, and a strict watch is kept throughout the town in the evening.

No Groups Allowed

People are questioned and searched by police patrols, no more than two people are allowed to walk together, and as a result the streets, except for Europeans, are almost deserted after 8 o'clock at night. Hundreds of people have been arrested, including prominent people of the organisation. But the authorities themselves have stated that the real leaders are still at large and it does not seem probable that they will fall into the hands of the police.

An important feature is also that practically none of the leaders of the second plan who were arrested has actually taken part in the disturbances. These were carried out entirely by gangs of ruffians and a minority of dissatisfied elements, and this will make it the more difficult for the authorities to inflict such punishment as to prevent similar outbreaks in the future.

The Bantam Disturbances. Connected with this outbreak at Batavia are the disturbances in Bantam, which have the character of an actual revolt. Here again Communist influences are apparent, nevertheless the people as a whole are in revolt and for the present it is impossible to form a definite opinion as to the causes.

Several native government officials have been murdered, entire villages are deserted and the troops which have been dispatched forthwith have sustained several attacks by bands of hundreds of fanatical natives. But again, the news which have come from Bantam is too conflicting and superficial to allow for any comment as yet.

Mid-Java and Preanger.

There are finally the disturbances in Mid-Java and in the Preanger, which seem to bear a similar character as those at Batavia. They are on a smaller scale and as the authorities had been forewarned they have the situation well under control.

At Bandoeng, Semarang, and Sourabaya as well as at various smaller towns all necessary measures have been taken to avoid sudden outbreaks, nevertheless it will take some time before the situation can again be called normal. One should not derive from this

however, that there is an actual revolt. The outbreak is directed in the first place against the police and the municipal and civil service functionaries, and in a way they have themselves to blame for this. As to foreign tourists, they may travel the country without even noticing that there are any difficulties, and there is no reason to strike Java from their itineraries as has already been done by a few parties, to the great dismay of those interested in the tourist traffic.—"Straits Times" Correspondent.

NEW TAXES.

MONEY WILL BE USED TO STABILISE LOANS.

Peking, Nov. 23.—It is reported that at the Tientsin Conference it is strongly advocated that the Chinese Government should be asked to put 2.6 per cent. surtaxes in operation, regardless of foreign Powers, for the purpose of appropriating the money accruing from the imposition of the surtaxes for the readjustment of foreign and domestic loans.—Toho.

THINGS SARTORIAL.

In things sartorial Shanghai may lay claims at least to variety if not to distinction. There are ample signs that the gilded youth of the city take quite a deep interest in the way they dress. It may be of interest to these, therefore, that according to the latest reports from Home revolutionary changes are about to take place with regard to men's evening clothes. Both coat and waistcoat are to be cut very high, with high waists. The Prince of Wales is said to be wearing a white evening waistcoat, with three buttons, with a dinner jacket, and scores of the exquisites are following suit. One wonders how the new style will suit short fat men. On mature consideration we think that they would be wiser to stick to the natural cut, leaving those with slender figures to follow the new cut. We are pleased to read, however, that some men are not wearing coloured satin dinner jackets with lighter coloured facings. One or two bright sparks made a desperate effort to start a vogue on these lines about four years ago, but fortunately that attempt was a dismal failure. We are further told that going attive is losing much of its brilliancy, and this seems a pity: a touch of comic relief is so desirable on the average golf course. Local stores certainly present very attractive windows in these days, and there are signs that colourful gaudiness may yet be all the rage in Shanghai. One window in particular will be attractive to most of our young bloods, throughout the hunting season. The long rolls of "pink" conjure up all sorts of ambitious visions—in most cases, also, doomed to disappointment.—"N.C. Daily News."

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 4th December 1926.

Bank Wire	1/10-1/10
On demand	1/10-1/10
30 days sight	1/10-1/10
4 months sight	1/11-1/11
Credit, 4 months sight	1/11-1/11
Documentary, 4 months sight	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
Credit, 4 months sight	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
On New York	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
Credit, 60 days sight	1/11-1/11
On Bombay	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
On Calcutta	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
On Singapore	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
On Manila	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
On Shanghai	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
30 days sight (private paper)	1/11-1/11
On Yokohama	1/11-1/11
On demand	1/11-1/11
Sovereigns Bank's buying rate	10.81
Silver (per oz.)	24.84
Silver in Hongkong 3 m. pm.	10.81
Chinese Copper Cash	10.81
Chinese Copper Cash	10.81
Rate of Native Interest 7 1/2 p.m.	10.81
Chinese Pub. Coin	17 1/2 p.m.
Hongkong Pub. Coin	17 1/2 p.m.

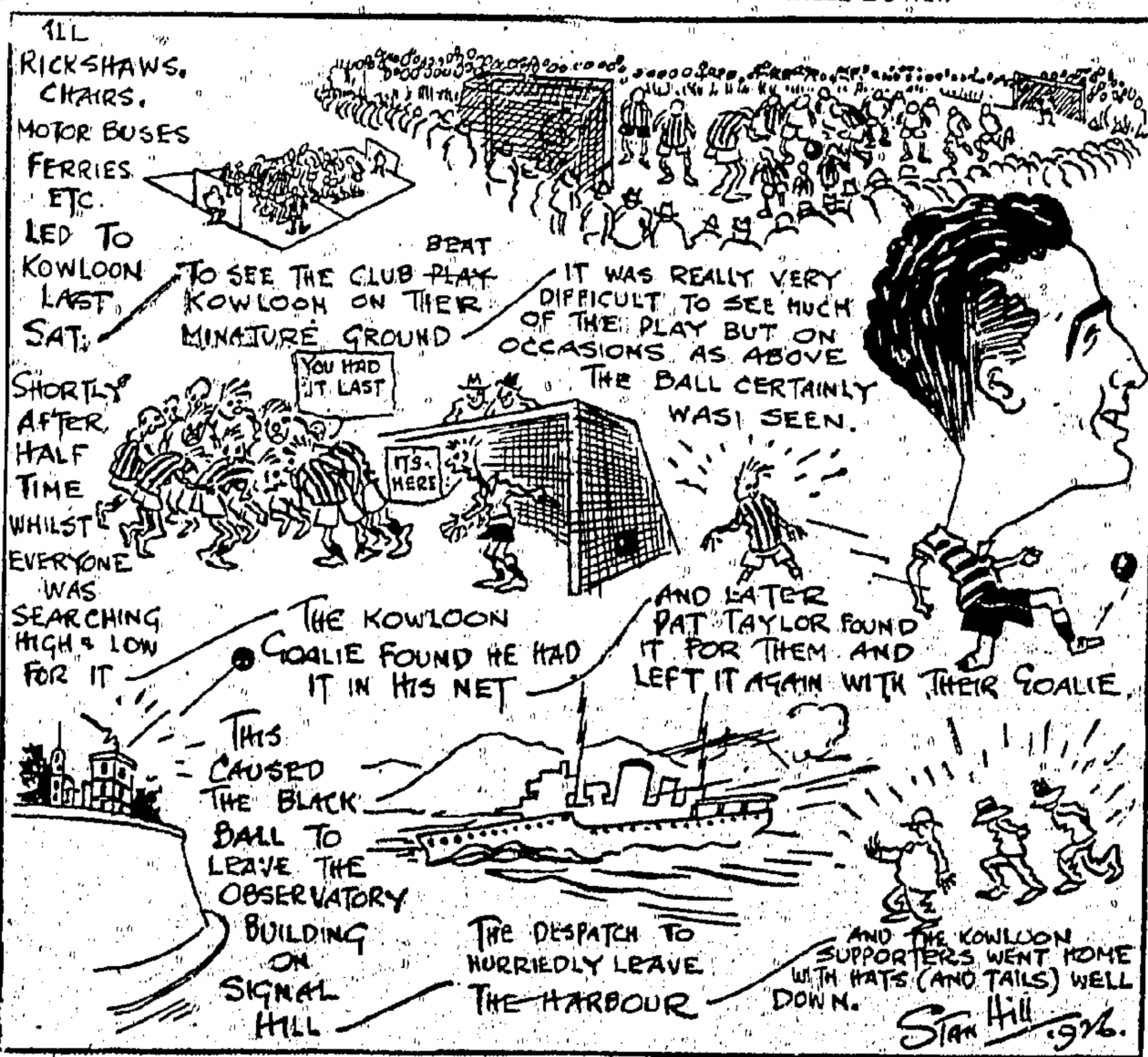
LONDON EXCHANGE.

Rugby, December 8

Paris	1148
New York	4848
Brussels	24.84
Geneva	24.84
Amsterdam	11.11
Milan	11.11
Berlin	20.85
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.80
Oslo	18.80
Vienna	18.80
Prague	16.81
Belinfactors	16.81
Madrid	31.84
Lisbon	17.83
Rio	6.11/10
London Africa	45.7/10
Rome	15.7/10
Shanghai	7.11
Bombay	7.11
Yokohama	24.8/10
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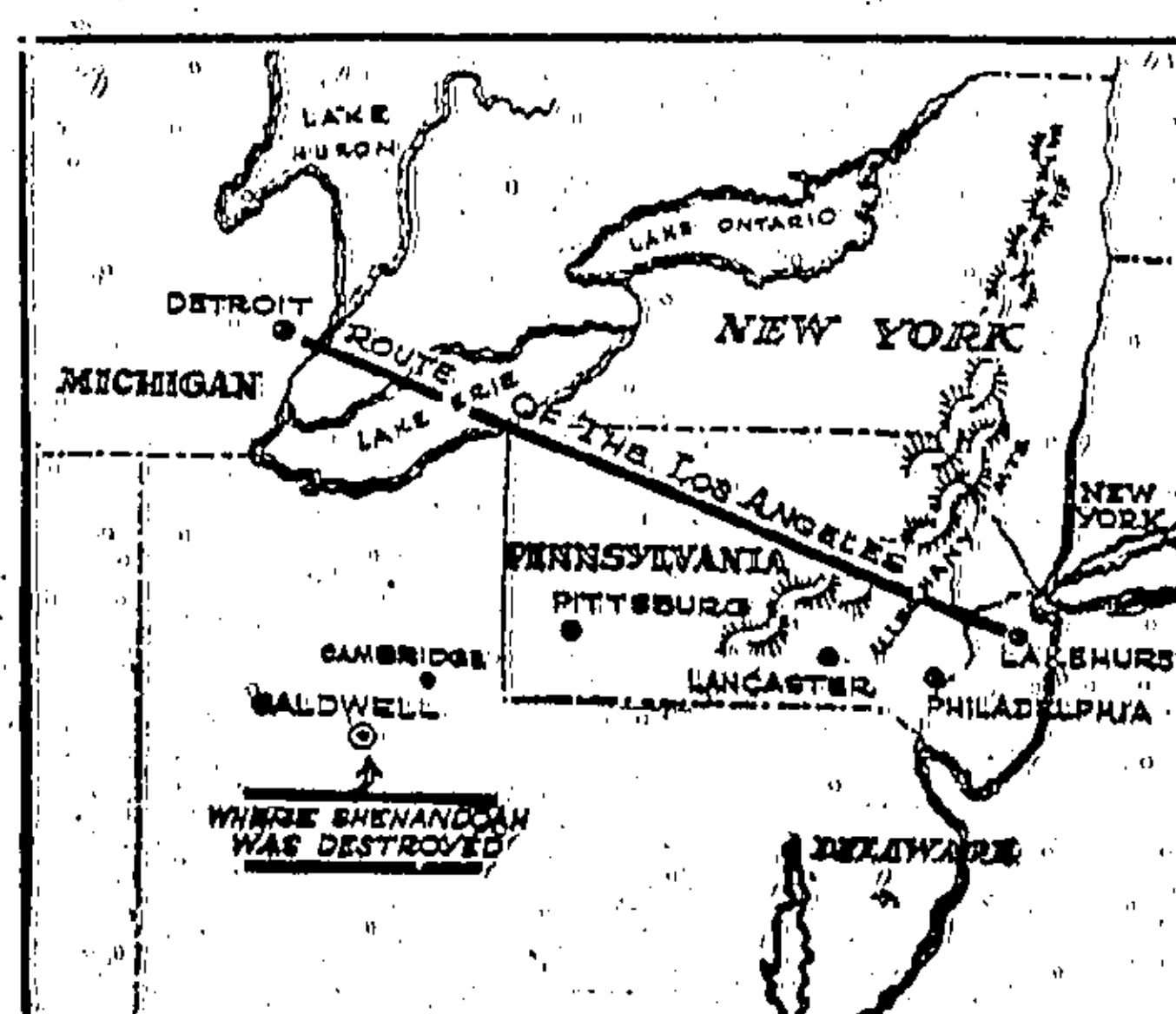
The Rev. Frank Norris, Fort Worth minister, who was tried for killing D. E. Chipps.



Police Lieutenant Joe McGuire is holding a machine gun used by Chicago gangsters in the murder of "Hymie" Weiss and Pat Murray and the wounding of W. W. O'Brien, attorney.



District Judge George E. Hosey who is presiding at the trial of the Rev. Frank Norris, accused of murdering D. E. Chipps, prominent Fort Worth business man.



This map shows the route of the dirigible Los Angeles from Lakehurst, to the Ford mooring mast at Detroit, the destination of the ill-fated Shenandoah.



These New York girls, dressed in the Roumanian peasant costume, rehearsed the traditional method of greeting a Roumanian queen in preparation for Queen Marie's visit.



Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sellaf testified against Albee Semple McPherson, accused of conspiracy in her disappearance.



Hector R. Gardner, an engineer of twenty-four years' experience, oiled his locomotive in preparation for Queen Marie's American tour.

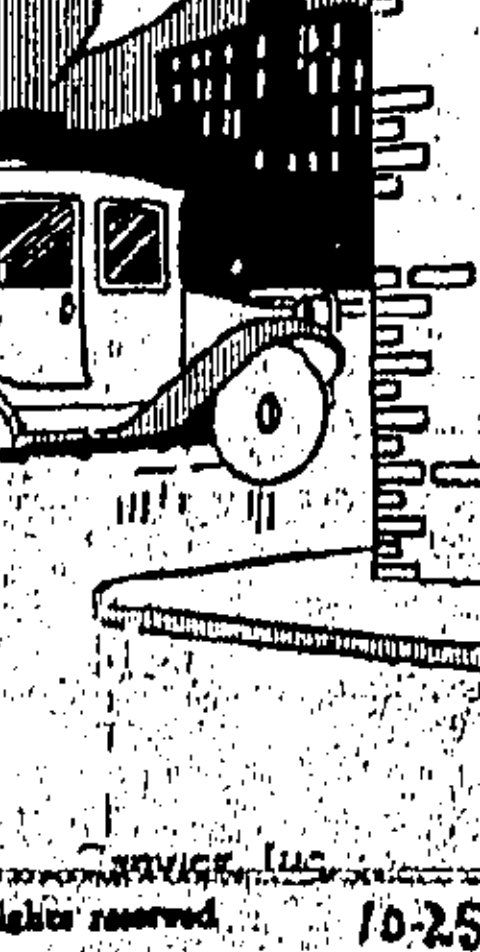
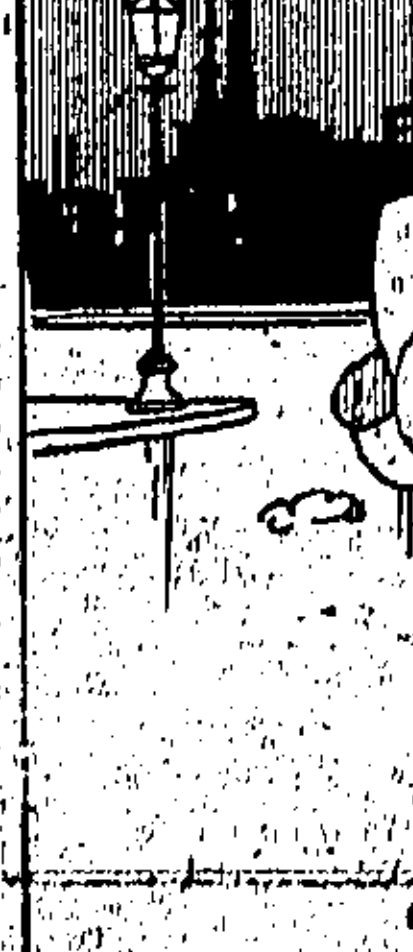
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ALLOWED
TO SEE MRS.
CASHBAK
SHE IS ILL!WE HAD
BETTER
GO HOME!YES, THE
PARTY IS
BROKEN
UP NOW!WONDER WHO
COULD HAVE
STOLEN IT?IT'S DANGEROUS
TO GIVE A
PARTY IN
YOUR HOME
NOWADAYS.DADDY, WHERE
DID YOU GET
THAT COAT?
YOU DIDN'T
HAVE A COAT
WHEN YOU LEFT
HOME!GREAT HEAVENS!
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OUT, YOU TOOK
A COAT, THEY
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GOT THE NECK-
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SUN'S APPEAL.

SURVEY OF THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Rodney Gilbert writes
from Peking on November 23 to
the "N.-C. Daily News":—

A high military authority who
has just returned from the Tien-
tsin Conferences, gives the fol-
lowing survey of the situation:—
The militarists were not at all
interested over the Cabinet situa-
tion in Peking, and scarcely
touched upon it while the efforts
of Chin Yun-peng and Liang
Shih-yi to win the premiership
were given almost no attention at
all, the result being that Dr.
Wellington Koo's régime is likely
to last some months longer if the
incumbents are willing to carry
on.

The Liao Kingdom suggestion
was not broached to Marshal
Chang Tso-lin, but his assumption
of the Presidency was, and so
flatly rejected that the Monarch-
ists dared not bring up the
question scheme, which is not like-
ly to arise again while the
Yangtze situation is so critical.
The promoters console themselves
by asserting that their chief is
the de facto ruler of China in any
case.

The conference, at first, was a
wholly informal, social event with
no decision, except that Shantung
must be prepared to invade the
Yangtze if Marshal Sun Chuan-
fang collapsed.

Marshal Sun's agent, Yang
Wen-kai made indirect, and poorly
defined requests for help, but
failed to impress the seriousness
of the emergency upon the Feng-
tien leaders. Consequently he
wired to Marshal Sun whose
prompt response in person greatly
surprised Marshal Chang Tso-
lin.

After admitting, frankly that
his position was precarious, the
Nanking chief made a direct ap-
peal for support, to which the
Fengtienites quickly acceded.

Marshal Sun's Frankness.

Marshal Sun's frankness made
a most favourable impression, so
it was agreed that twelve Shan-
tung Brigades, of about 45,000
men should proceed at once into
Kiangsu for distribution to places,
wherever they were most needed.

The advance guard is composed
of three brigades of the former
Fifth Division, while the White
Russians this time will probably
remain at Tsinanfu to guard
against local defections.

It is denied that Chu Yu-pu or
Chang Chung-chang will com-
mand the expedition. Both will
remain at their posts except when
they go to Nanking for confer-
ences, when summoned there.

All discussion of future terri-
torial adjustments was assiduously
avoided at the conference and the
rumoured allocation of
Kiangsu to Marshal Chang
Chung-chang and Shantung to
Gen. Chu Yu-pu is mere political
gossip and speculation.

The loyalty of General Yen
Hsi-shan of Shansi to the North-
ern alliance is still undoubted,
but it is everywhere admitted
that his commanders are unreli-
able, though the attitude of the
civil administration is excellent.

Consequently the Fengtien troops
are preparing to garrison the
Shingui Railway as far west as
Paotou under a pledge not to in-
terfere with the civil adminis-
tration, but only to checkmate the
Kuominchun.

The Uncertain Spots.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu does not
admit his position is dangerous,
nor does he ask for any help, but
he still claims the right to dictate
in connection with the affairs of
Peking, with the result that the
Fengtien people will avoid Honan.

Fengtien information agrees
with Kuominchun propaganda
that Wu Pei-fu's Shensi and
Honan troops are prepared to re-
join the Second and Third Ku-
ominchun Armies if the latter in-
vade Honan from Shensi, thus
leaving Wu Pei-fu with nothing
but his bodyguard again.

It was flatly denied at the con-
ference that Chen Tiao-yuan of
Anhui and Wang Pu had declared
independence, or that Anhui had
been invaded by the Cantonese.
Southern Anhui, however, is over-
run by scattered Chékiang native
troops who were soon disarmed
as being unreliable.

The affiliations of Yang Sen,
Wu Pei-fu's general in Szechuan,
are still uncertain, since his de-
legates in all the camps, includ-
ing the Cantonese, are swearing
adherence to each and everyone.

Gen. Liu Chen-hua is back in
Sungshan bandit country, whence
his men came, leaving the high-
way into Honan open to the
Kuominchun.

Confirmation.

In connection with the reports
of Marshal Sun's activities in
Tientsin, it is important to note
that the following reports from
Shanghai official sources sub-
stantiate the general tone of Mr.
Rodney Gilbert's telegram from



Bube Ruth kissed his daughter,
Dorothy, just before a baseball game.

Peking. The local authorities
frankly admit that they have no
details of the agreement, and
that they await instructions, but
they still maintain that reports
to the effect that Marshal Chang
Chung-chang is coming to Shang-
hai are untrue.

Dr. V. K. Ling has received a
telegram from Marshal Sun stat-
ing that he will shortly return to
Nanking.

An Attack of Beri-beri.

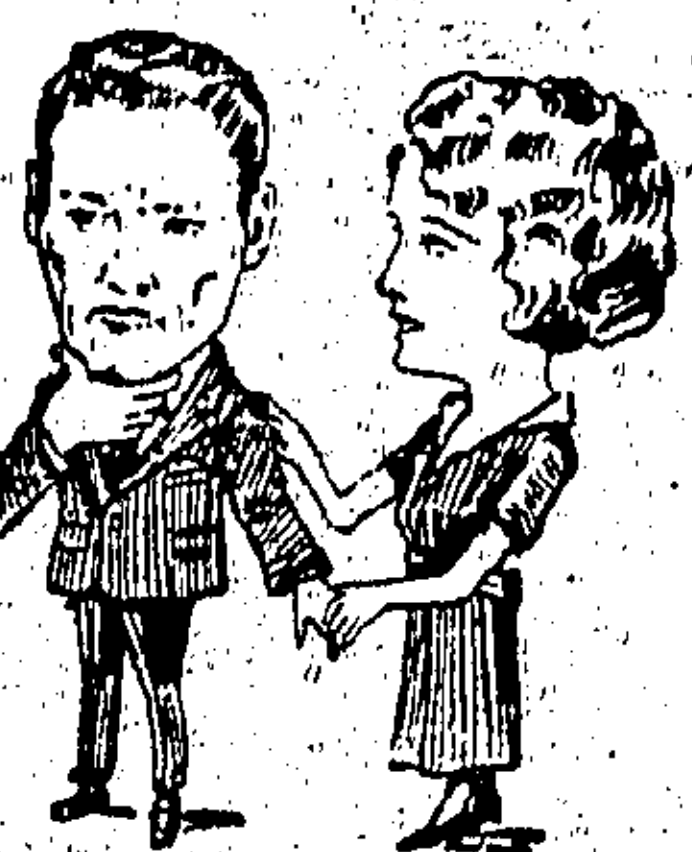
Marshal Sun has sent a tele-
gram to General Lu Hsiang-ting
stating that while he was in
Kiukiang, he became ill with beri-
beri and the doctors advised him
to go to a northern climate. As
he wanted to go to Tientsin any-
how, he took the opportunity at
this time. He requested General
Lu to act for him during his
absence.

General Lu Hsiang-ting has
issued a circular telegram an-
nouncing that he is acting for
Marshal Sun during his absence
in Tientsin.

It is officially stated that al-
though Marshal Sun is now in
negotiation with Marshal Chang
Tso-lin, no final agreement has
been reached, all reports to the
contrary notwithstanding.

General Yang Wen-kai, Minister of
Agriculture and one of Marshal
Sun's closest political adjutants,
will arrive in Shanghai to-day.
No final agreement will be reach-
ed between the two Marshals until
General Yang has visited, and
discussed the general plans with
all Marshal Sun's principal com-
manders and allies and has re-
ported back to Marshal Sun,
their attitude toward the plan in
principal and detail. After
General Yang has made his re-
port, it is expected that an agree-
ment will be reached. Whatever
may be the eventual agreement,
it is apparently not true that
Marshal Sun has "bolted," as has
been suggested, or that he
has already given up Nanking.

Gen. Chow Feng-chi, commander
of the 3rd Allied Division, whose
troops refused to fight when the
Southerners entered Kiukiang and
who was alleged to have joined
Gen. Hsia Chao in the recent Che-
kiang independence movement, has
arrived in Shanghai and will leave
for Hangchow after a brief rest.



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FENGHWA PROUD.

GEN. CHANG'S PROMINENCE IN CHINA.

The Fenghwa correspondent of
the "Shanghai Times" writes on
Nov. 19:—

The Hangchow insurrection of
last month caused little excite-
ment amongst the country people
of this district. In the city de-
monstrations were held against
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. These
were rather premature, and
as a consequence a num-
ber of arrests have been
made and persons, who gave
voice to their feelings, now have
leisure to think over their actions
in the rather uncongential sur-
roundings of the jail.

Some stir was caused by the
arrest of several young students
who spoke unadvisedly, and the
popular opinion is that the au-
thorities were too harsh in their
treatment and should rather have
sought out those responsible for
inculcating such sentiments in the
boys' minds.

There is much sympathy with
General Chang Kai-shek owing to
his being a Fenghwa man, and
the people are proud that a local
man should attain such promi-
nence in China. One man was
heard to express the opinion that
"all the best jobs were in the
hands of Northern men who took
the wealth out of the province." He
overlooked the fact that a
large number of Fenghwa men
hold important official positions
in Canton and no doubt a good
deal of Canton money finds its
way to this province.

NEW GUINEA EXPEDITION.

On November 4 the Indian Com-
mittee for Scientific Investigation
received a telegram from Pioneers
Bivouac stating that Dr. Doctors
van Leeuwen had returned to the
Head Bivouac and that he expects
to arrive in Albatros Bivouac in the
middle of November. The scienti-
fic results obtained so far are as
follows:—

Anthropology.—Prof. Sterling is
extremely satisfied with the results.
About 200 measurements have been
taken which was made possible by
the fact that the inhabitants from
all sides visited the bivouac.

Ethnography.—Important particu-
lars regarding country, people
and language have been obtained.
Numerous valuable photos have
been taken. A large collection of
ethnographical objects of more than 8,000
articles has been made, especially
weapons, stone implements and fine
plaited work. Prof. Sterling has
had interesting photos of the coun-
try and its people made by the cine-
matograph camera.

Topography.—It was impossible
to penetrate deep into the district
round the Upper Rouffia owing to
lack of carriers and provisions. It
has however been ascertained that
the River Rouffia has two chief
tributaries, the largest from the
East is known as Nogolo and that
from the West as Delo. The whole
of this district is thickly populated.
The borders of the territories of
the various tribes have been fixed
with the help of the Papua guides.

Biology.—Owing to lack of
carriers only a short trip to Nevel-
wood could be made at a height of
2,500 M. The object, investigation
of the high regions, was not attain-
ed. The flora in the neighbour-
hood of Explorers Camp is very
poor. Data regarding the agricul-
ture carried on by the natives has
been collected. About 2,500 speci-
mens of plants have been collected
and also numerous animals, chiefly
insects, whilst about 400 photos of
the vegetation have been made.—
"Singapore Free Press" correspon-
dence.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR DEC. 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th
Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December	a.m.	p.m.
" 4	6.48	5.39
" 5	6.49	5.39
" 6	6.50	5.39
" 7	6.50	5.39
" 8	6.51	5.39
" 9	6.51	5.39
" 10	6.52	5.40
" 11	6.53	5.40
" 12	6.53	5.40
" 13	6.54	5.40
" 14	6.54	5.41
" 15	6.55	5.41
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" 17	6.56	5.42
" 18	6.57	5.42
" 19	6.57	5.43
" 20	6.58	5.43
" 21	6.58	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.45
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.46
" 26	7.00	5.46
" 27	7.01	5.47
" 28	7.01	5.47
" 29	7.02	5.48
" 30	7.02	5.48
" 31	7.03	5.49

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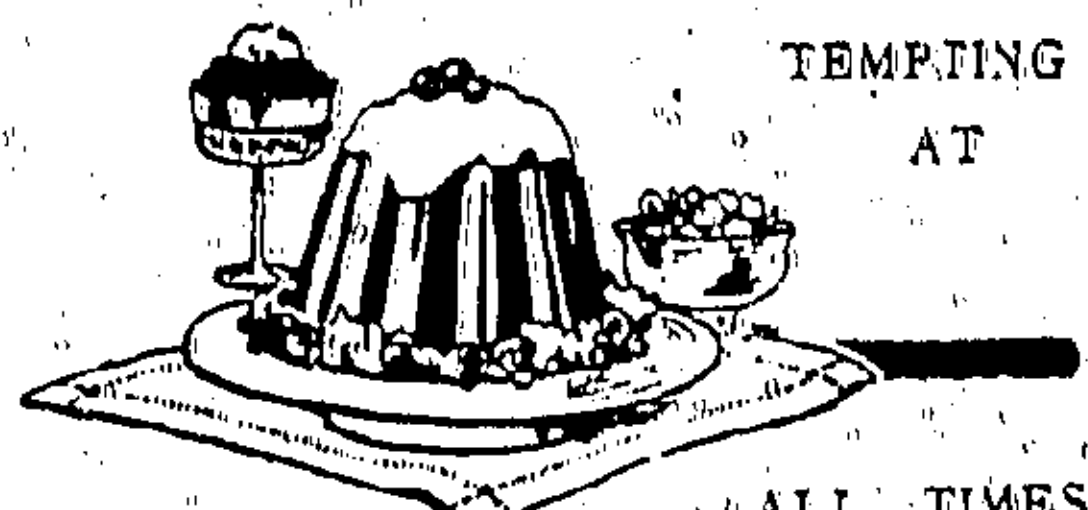
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"NO OPTION."

Capt. Story of Sunning
Piracy.

HIS DUTY TO OTHERS.

Why He Did What Pirates
Directed.

At the trial yesterday afternoon of the twenty accused men who are alleged to be part of the pirate gang which took temporary possession of the "Sunning" and set fire to it when the officers refused to surrender, the story was recapitulated largely as already detailed with a few new facts and a more detailed statement by the Captain as to the predicament in which he was placed.

If he had not done what the pirates had wanted, said Capt. Pringle, there was the chance of a finish—the finish of the ship, the finish of himself and the other officers and the finish of the passengers. He had to think of the ship, the crew, the passengers and the Company. He had no option but to do what they wanted him to.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask is defending the 19th accused, Mr. Leo d'Almeida the 2nd accused and Mr. M. K. Lo the 6th and ten others. Crown Opens Case.

Opening the case for the Crown, G. K. Holmes related how the "Sunning" left Amoy on November 15 for Hong Kong. The Captain was about to sight the Lammoeks, when his Second Officer rushed in and told him that there were pirates on board. A few seconds later a pirate pushed a revolver against the Captain's body, and there was a lot of talking in Chinese which was not understood. Eventually it was found that the pirates were referring to a place called "Sai Man" on the western side of Bias Bay, but the leader of the gang said they wanted Ping Hoi on the eastern side of Bias Bay.

Later, said Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lapsley, one of the European passengers, who was coming to Hong Kong, was called upon by the pirates to act as interpreter, and appeared to be appointed interpreter.

Mr. Lindsell asked what was meant by saying that Mr. Lapsley was appointed interpreter? The Pirates Threat.

Mr. Holmes replied that Mr. Lapsley made arrangements with the ship's officers on behalf of the pirates and acted as their interpreter and was walking about with the principal pirate.

Continuing, Mr. Holmes said that the Captain of the "Sunning" was given to understand that if he took the ship to the point the pirates indicated no harm would be done to him or to anyone else. On the other hand, if resistance was made the pirates threatened extreme action, even if it meant that they would have to shoot themselves afterwards.

The Crown Solicitor then went on to relate the happenings prior and subsequent to the regaining of control by the officers on the bridge and the defence of the ship which resulted in the pirates' unsuccessful attempt to smoke out the officers and their eventual departure in one of the ship's boats, leaving the "Sunning" burning amidships.

No Chance For Boat? In his evidence, said Mr. Holmes, the Captain of the "Sunning" would say that the boat was not handled in a seamanlike manner; that there was a high sea running, and that the boat was not under proper control. At any rate, this boat had never been heard of since.

been in command of the s.s. "Sunning" since August 3. The "Sunning" was a British ship registered in London. Witness then proceeded to describe at some considerable length the construction of the ship. In general outline, said witness, it was the same as the s.s. "Soochow" (photo produced).

Pirates Take Control. "We left Amoy at 9.15 on November 15, bound for Hong Kong with passengers and a general cargo. At 3.30 p.m. I was awakened by my boy with a cup of tea. At 3.40 I left my cabin in order to look for the Lammoeks. There was a bit of a noise, which was not unusual. Suddenly the 2nd Officer came running in and informed me that there were pirates on board. With that some strange faces appeared at the port holes. I went towards the door which was shut. The door was opened from outside. They pushed me in and furnished weapons at me. I said, 'What do you want?' and one pointed to a revolver and I understood that he wanted me to hand over mine. I took them in to my cabin and pointed out where my weapons were kept. They then forced me into the chart room, speaking Chinese, which I could not understand. They then brought in the wireless operator, a Cantonese, but he could not understand. They slapped his face, and one man ran a gun into my stomach. Another pushed him away.

Mr. Holmes: Can you point out those two men? Witness said that they were the 3rd and 6th defendants.

Continuing, witness said that a well-dressed Chinese, wearing horn-rimmed spectacles then came on the scene. He appeared to be the leader.

Witness was informed through the wireless operator that no harm would befall the officers or the Europeans if the ship was taken to where the pirates wished.

Heading On Rocks. Witness promised to take the ship where the pirates wished, but on going to the bridge he found that the ship's course had been altered and that they were heading towards Lamoon Rocks.

He explained to the apparent leader that if they remained on this course they would have to go down to Lammoeks to avoid the rocks. After a lot of talking he (witness) was allowed to haul the ship round on to her old course.

When we were approaching the Lammoeks, continued Capt. Pringle, "we passed the 'Anhui', one of the Company's steamers. She put up her flag, but the pirates would not allow me to put up our flag. This was about 4.30. The master of the 'Anhui' is seen-

ior to me, and I should have dipped my flag to him first. I leaned out over the end of the bridge, and the Chief Officer took up another prominent position, so that in case anyone on the 'Anhui' was looking out with glasses they could see us and know that there was something wrong when I had failed to dip my flag, which is the rule. I was hoping they would realise something was wrong."

At this juncture of Capt. Pringle's evidence, Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until this morning at 11 o'clock.

The accused were then remanded and taken back to the jail.

AL FRESCO FETE.

TO-MORROW'S ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

From 2.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. to-morrow, the 43rd annual al fresco fete of St. Vincent de Paul will attract many visitors to the Roman Catholic Cathedral compound, Glenelg.

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